

Trustees' Vote Threatens Wake Forest

By Charles Richardson
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (BP) — Wake Forest University trustees, in unprecedented action, voted to remove the university from control of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

By a vote of 27-6, with two abstentions, the trustees deleted from the Wake Forest charter and bylaws clauses which give the state convention the right to elect or fire trustees; removed the phrase which states that they will operate "as an agency" of the convention; but stopped short of establishing a new procedure to elect trustees which now are

elected from North Carolina Baptist churches by the convention.

The action came just 24 days after messengers of the Baptist state convention, meeting in Raleigh, voted 1,276 to 1,048 to continue a study for a new relationship between WFU and the convention. Only a week earlier, the chairman of the study group, Frank Campbell, said the group was "confident we can come up with a solution that will be satisfactory to Wake Forest and the majority of the convention that we can live with a long, long time."

A statement from James W. Mason, chairman of the board of

trustees, said, "There is no arrogance in our conclusions, no impatience, but rather a carefully determined judgment that the board's autonomy must be clearly established before the convention and Wake Forest can appraise how they can best help one another. This has been done."

According to an earlier legal opinion, the trustees have "no duty under the law to carry out any expressed directive made to them by the Baptist state convention, or its General Board." The legal opinion said that in conflicts between the trustees and the convention, final authority "legally

resides in trustees of the university and not the convention."

"The trustees now have the legal right to select their successors," said Mason, "but it is the clear intent of the board to work closely with the Council on Christian Higher Education of the convention, or other bodies which the convention may choose, in determining how new trustees will be selected and what criteria will be used."

According to a statement the trustees inserted into their charter, they "shall endeavor to work in close harmony with the Baptist State Convention of North

Carolina and to promote its educational ministries."

At the September General Board meeting, Wake Forest President James Ralph Scales asked for "an affiliate" relationship with the convention rather than the current agency role. As an agency, Wake Forest last year received \$815,000 from the convention and is scheduled to receive \$837,000 this year.

Convention president Mark Corts suggested those funds "could and should" be held in escrow "until the matter is finally resolved." He predicted a recommendation to that effect

would be made at the General Board meeting Jan. 30-31 in Raleigh.

Mason told a Greensboro newspaper that "We are determined to operate as a Christian university, hopefully with the Baptist state convention. But we won't knuckle under to economic blackmail."

The convention contribution is less than two percent of Wake Forest's \$56 million budget, but is matched in gifts by the Reynolds Foundation which are contingent on the Baptist affiliation.

(Richardson is associate editor of the N. C. Biblical Recorder.)

Good News Mississippi

Prayer Retreat Set For Baptist Women



Fry

A prayer retreat at Camp Garaywa, Clinton, on Feb. 24 will be the first major statewide event held in preparation for the Good News Mississippi evangelistic campaign planned for April.

Black and white Mississippi Baptist Women will meet together at Garaywa to pray, as part of their spiritual preparation for the campaign. Margaret Perkins will lead the Bible study and Laura Fry will speak on lifestyle evangelism. Both are Home Mission Board employees.

Time for the prayer retreat sponsored by National Baptist and Mississippi Southern Baptist WMU is from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Waudine Storey, consultant, state WMU, said that the major emphasis will be personal preparation for revival and personal preparation for personal witnessing. Time will be given, she said, to group directed prayer and to prayer and praise hymns.

Margaret Perkins is Woman's Mis-



Perkins

sionary Union consultant for cooperative ministries with National Baptists. She joined the staffs of WMU and the Home Mission Board in January, 1978. Her position is a new one funded by the Home Mission Board but administered by WMU.

Mrs. Perkins works with black Baptist churches in the SBC and with other black Baptist denominations' work.

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Mississippi Baptists Pass Budget With \$8.8 Million

December Cooperative Program receipts from Mississippi Baptist churches of \$686,830 sent the missions income for 1978 over the annual budget by \$183,717.

The total receipts for the year from the churches was \$8,819,717, which was a 2.12 percent increase over the budget goal of \$8,636,000, according to Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The 1977 total income was \$7,928,006. The total for 1978 was 11.24 percent more than the total for 1977. Kelly pointed out that an increase of 11.8 percent for 1979 over the 1978 receipts would meet the 1979 budget of \$10 million.

The actual receipts from 1978 were \$891,711 more than those for 1977.

Even though the 1978 income exceeded the budget goal for the year and the income for 1977, the receipts

for December were \$28,626 smaller than those for the same month of the year before. This probably was due to the fact that the year ended on a Sunday, making it impossible to get the last Sunday's missions gifts to the treasurer's office by the end of the calendar year, Kelly said.

This theory is reinforced by the fact that while December was not the lowest month of the year with receipts of \$686,830, two months that were lower, April and July, ended on Sunday and Monday respectively, he noted. All other months had at least two days following the final Sunday.

January was also \$20,000 lower than December, but it was one of the months with two days following the final Sunday.

The gifts for December of 1978 were 4 percent lower than those for December of 1977. In that year December was the sixth largest month in Cooperative Program gifts, and the final Sunday was followed by a full week.

The 1978 missions gifts were the largest for any year in the history of Mississippi Baptists. And while it was a record-breaking year on an annual basis it also had several record-breaking months. The previous

monthly record of \$783,831 established in August of 1977 was broken early in 1978 as February went past that figure with \$797,368. Immediately March broke the new record with receipts of \$817,817. May, with \$804,105, had a higher figure than the previous August record, and August came back again in 1978 to establish a new record with \$878,401. Not far behind that figure was November, the second highest month of 1978 with \$862,327. Thus five months of 1978 were higher in Cooperative Program gifts than the previous record-setting month of the year before.

"Mississippi Baptists continue to exhibit their determination to discharge their missions responsibilities," Kelly said. "The Southern Baptist Convention has adopted a goal of doubling Cooperative Program receipts from the 1976 figure by 1982," he commented.

"This is the sort of giving that will have to be experienced to meet that goal, and the goal must be met if we are to realize our broader goal of witnessing to the entire world by the end of the century. Mississippians must be counted on to take part in the realization of these goals," he added.

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Time Of Truth . . .

Climate Right For Controls On Pornography, Alcohol

The time of truth has come for Baptists in Mississippi in the matter of regulating beverage alcohol and pornography. Carefully researched bills to provide regulation of these two evils have been introduced into both houses of the Legislature. If they are not passed in this session, we will have to admit that we as Baptists do not care whether beverage alcohol and pornography are regulated or not.

This is a short session of the Legislature — only 45 days. We must work fast, but the climate is right. Members of the Legislature have introduced these bills because of their concern. Now we must let them know we share their concern and will back them in their providing for regulatory measures for pornography and alcohol.

Beginning on Page 1 of this issue is a presentation by Clark Hensley, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission, which calls attention to these bills, names the sponsoring legislator, gives the numbers of the bills, and tells to which committee they have been assigned. Letters of concern and support should go to the sponsors of the bills, to the

committee chairman, and to the representatives and senators of the letter writer's district as quickly as possible.

Time Is Short

The time is short and the Legislature will move fast. The proper members of the Legislature must hear from us immediately if we are to support these efforts at regulation.

This writer and others were involved in an ad hoc committee meeting that included Senator Charles Pickering of Laurel and Senator Bill Harpole of Starkville and Representative Wayne Burkes of Bolton for the purpose of initiating bills for the regulation of pornography. The bills were drafted in the Senate drafting room and have been carefully researched as to their constitutionality. In both the House and the Senate this group felt that three bills would be necessary. In the House sponsorship is by Rep. Thomas Buchanan as well as Rep. Burkes. House Bill 332 would prohibit the sexual abuse of minors and the sale or distribution for sale of any obscene visual or print medium depicting such abuse. HB 333 would prohibit the dissemination of sexually oriented material to persons under 18 and prohibit

public display of such material. HB 334 defines offenses relating to obscenity, sexually oriented material, and the sexual abuse of children. These bills have been referred to House Judiciary Committee B. The chairman of this committee is Rep. Stone D. Barefield of Hattiesburg.

There are companion bills in the Senate. (Continued on page 4)

Central Hills Opens Bidding For Building

Bids for the construction of the camp center building-dining hall and two bath houses at Central Hills Baptist Retreat near Kosciusko will be opened Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. in the chapel at the Baptist Building in Jackson, according to Richard Dean, architect for the project.

Bids will be accepted until the time of opening.

The bids should be submitted to Dean & Dean Architects, The Quarter, Jackson, Miss., 39216.

Drawings and specifications may be examined at the office of Dean & Dean, through the facilities of Scan, F. W.

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Disaster Unit Aids Ice Victims

The Mississippi Baptist Disaster Unit had its first in-state workout this week in Clarksdale.

The unit went into service after an ice storm hit the Delta leaving thousands without electricity and heat. Danny Prater, director of missions for Riverside Association working with O. L. Garmon, Clarksdale, a layman, contacted Civil Defense officials, telling them of the mass feeding capabilities of the Baptist unit.

Leon Schaffer of the Civil Defense estimated 70 percent of Clarksdale was blacked out affecting 10,000 people. Another 10,000 in the county were without power.

The unit arrived in Clarksdale, where likely the greatest concentration of people were congregated and set up in the Desoto Shopping Center ready to serve lunch Monday, Jan. 8.

An estimated 3,200 hot meals were served from the disaster unit at lunch Monday, including hundreds of meals delivered to homes where people could not get out.

Local Baptist churches mobilized with volunteers and vans to do the home deliveries.

Rusty Griffin, state Baptist disaster relief coordinator, estimated another 1,500 meals were served Monday evening, and that the unit would feed still

another 3,000 for lunch on Tuesday.

The unit was scheduled to close down Tuesday after lunch when most of the power should have been restored to the area. At that time the operation would move to Oakhurst Baptist Church in Clarksdale to continue feeding as long as requests kept coming in and as long as food supplies lasted.

Volunteers operating the unit along with Griffin were David McDonald and Omega Shamblin of Vicksburg; Dan West of McComb; Joe Waggoner of Crystal Springs; Doug Day of Starkville; James Smith, Elmo Bounds and Marlin Blanton all of

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Evangelism-Bible Meet Announces Personnel

C. B. Hogue, director of the Evangelism Section of the Home Mission Board; John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston; and E. V. Hill, pastor of the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles, will be principal speakers for the Evangelism-Bible Conference Feb. 12 to 14.

Bible conference leaders will include L. Russ Bush III, assistant professor of the philosophy of religion at Southwestern Seminary; Fisher Humphreys, associate professor of theology at New Orleans Seminary; and Earl C. Davis, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Memphis.

Hogue will also be a conference leader.

Bush will lead conferences on the Trinity, the Humphreys conference will be on the Atonement, and Davis will lead discussions in the area of Sanctification and Regeneration. Hogue's conference will be for one time only on his book, "The Doctrine of Salvation."

The Evangelism-Bible Conference will get under way on Monday evening at 6:45 with instrumental meditation. It will close at noon on Wednesday. The sessions will be at First Baptist

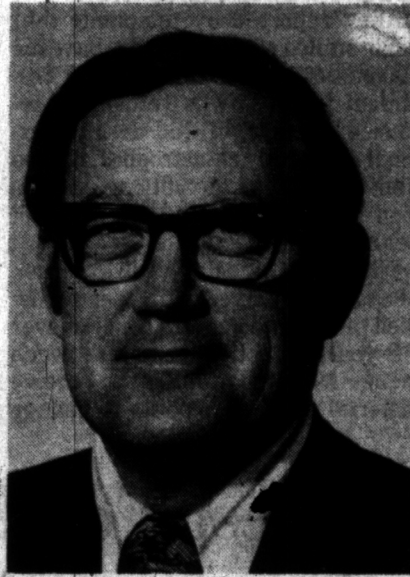
Church, Meridian. Beverly L. Tinnin is host pastor.

The makeup of the conference, encompassing both evangelism and Bible teaching, is a result of working two conferences into one calendar date. For the past three years there have been both an Evangelism Conference in February and a Bible Conference in March. Officials said it seemed these two conferences were directed mostly at the same people, so the combination was worked out for this year.

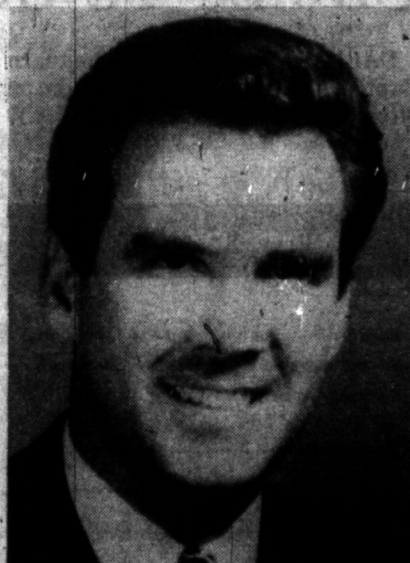
Roy Collum is director of the Evangelism Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Bryant Cummings is director of the Sunday School Department. His department does not sponsor the Bible Conference, but he is chairman of the endeavor which has no departmental boundaries.

Two of the conference leaders are Mississippians. They are Bush of Columbia and Humphreys of Columbus. Davis, the Memphis pastor, is from Madison, Fla.

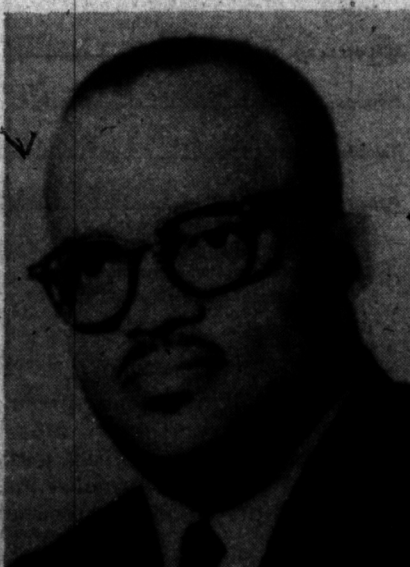
Hill is pastor in the Watts section of Los Angeles. He is credited with having a great deal of influence in his community.



Hogue



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Hill

Solons Consider Moral Issues

By J. Clark Hensley
Christian Action Commission

Prior to Jan. 1, 508 bills had been prefiled in the House of Representatives and 334 in the Senate of the Mississippi Legislature for the 1979 session. Most legislators seem to agree that some tax reduction and ethics legislation should be given priority. The big question: how to reduce taxes in a way that will benefit the most people? Sales tax reduction by percentage would help everyone, but a one cent reduction is a big slice. State income tax reduction would help a comparatively few. Ad valorem tax reduction would help some more.

At least 15 different proposals have

been prefiled. Senate Bill 2200 (Nix) and House Bill 53 (Lippian and Gollott) would extend tax exemption to purchases made by churches. House Bill 564 (Mabry) would exempt sales of religious literature from the sales tax law. The rationale for this has always been on the basis of principle rather than the money involved. (SB 2200 — Finance; HB 53 — Ways and Means; HB 564 — Ways and Means)

As usual, a large number of alcohol bills have been introduced. Senate Bill 2027 (Stone) would make lawful the advertising of alcoholic beverages. (Referred to Judiciary A Committee) Another would allocate one-half the excise taxes on alcoholic beverages,

beer, and light wine to the county or municipality where collected. (House Bill 43, Abraham, referred to Ways & Means.) As it now stands, the excise tax goes into the general fund.

House Bill 52 (Hall) would prohibit the sale of liquor within 400 feet of property line of church, school, kindergarten, or funeral home (To Ways & Means). HB 93 (Horne) would allow results of intoximeter tests to be admissible as evidence in a civil case (To Judiciary A). HB 182 (Horne) would require arresting officer to retain driver's license until such person is adjudicated guilty of crime of driving while under the influence (To

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Mississippi Baptist disaster unit volunteers feed Clarksdale residents during ice storm. (James Smith Photo)

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Judiciary B). HB 201 (Comprett) would prohibit possession of alcoholic beverages on campuses of public schools and at athletic events (Ways & Means).

Senate Bill 2224 (Wright) would lower blood alcohol content for presumption of driving while intoxicated from .15% to .10%. HB 227 (Mabry) would also reduce percent of alcohol content for DWI (Judiciary A) SB 2264 (Dyer) would delete the repealer provision relating to 3 percent markup on alcoholic beverages (To Finance). This is due to expire in 1980; and, while only about one-third of revenues have been spent, this should be given more time. Further, the law should be changed to allow some of the funds to go to education for prevention instead of all for the rehabilitation of alcoholics.

Several bills on pornography have been introduced. HB 332 (Herring, et al) would regulate obscenity and related offenses. HB 333 (Buchanan & Burkes) would prohibit dissemination of certain sexually oriented material. HB 334 (Buchanan & Burkes) would create offenses relating to obscenity, etc. (These referred to Judiciary B Committee). SB 2314 (Harpole, et al) would prohibit sexual abuse of minors, etc. SB 2315 (Pickering, et al) would prohibit the sale or distribution of certain sexually oriented material to minors. SB 2316 (Harpole, et al) would create offenses relating to obscenity, etc. (These bills referred to Judiciary B). This group of bills has been very carefully researched and drafted as, no doubt, has the following group of similar bills: SB 2201 (DeCell & Waldrop); HB 174 (Dollar); HB 322 (Herring); HB 400 (Dollar); and HB 495 (Millette). (To Judiciary B).

Gambling: HB 105 (Burkes) would provide that the practice of bookmaking is unlawful (To Judiciary A) HB 328 (Banks) would establish a Mississippi Racing Commission (To Ways & Means). Many of the legislators polled feel that any pro-gambling legislation will be doomed in this session. It is an

election year plus the fact that many are opposed to legalized gambling. Further, we have reason to believe that Governor Cliff Finch will veto any pro-gambling bills.

Mental Health: A report of a task force on community mental health and mental retardation services in Mississippi, headed by Dr. Duane Burgess of Hattiesburg, a Baptist layman, has reported that in 1977, 36,000-plus Mississippians were treated in the health centers. The needed health link is between the community and the state mental health hospitals and this link is community center services for prevention and intervention and after-care. The task force report is that we must allow State Department of Mental Health to support and maintain community mental health centers at a program level to qualify for all available funds rather than try to get the state to support and maintain the community services at 100 percent state and local funding, for if we did this we would dry up the federal funds over the next few years and also cost the state millions of dollars. The estimated cost in federal funds for 1978 is \$9 million. While Mississippi has terrific local support in the funding of these institutions and this kind of support must be continued, we have also captured a greater percentage of federal dollars than the other southern states with the exception of Arkansas. On the other hand, Mississippi has only spent 3 cents per capita on comprehensive community-based services. That is, in 1975. One-fifth of the cost of a postage stamp will not go very far. The legislators must be sure that the funding is continued for the optimum dollar service.

Lowering the age of majority to 18 is an issue — including allowing persons to do jury duty at 18. Exceptions can be made, such as in Michigan where the voters raised the legal drinking age from 18 to 21 after seven years experience with the former.

Bills again have been introduced to regulate smoking in public places. HB

197 (Burkes) would provide for regulation of smoking in public elevators (To Pensions, Public Health). Senator Martin Smith has introduced legislation to regulate smoking in certain public places and at certain public meetings.

Ethics legislation: Lt. Gov. Evelyn Gandy, in her opening statement to the Senate this past week, advocated strong ethics legislation. Many believe that a properly drafted code of ethics will serve to increase public confidence and trust in government.

Poverty in Mississippi: It has been reported that legislation will be introduced to enable more schools to serve breakfast to children of low income families. It has been stated that this can be done without using Mississippi tax revenue. Further proposals may be advocated to increase the percentage income level that may be supplied a family through aid to dependent children. Contrary to popular opinion, such aid is now limited to 50 percent of the established need by a family budget developed by the Welfare Department.

To illustrate: If the budget needs are \$500 per month and the income is \$300 per month, resulting in a difference of \$200, the limit of aid is \$100. Presently, too, the limitation is \$60 per month for the first child, \$36 for the second and \$24 for each additional child, up to the 50 percent limit of established need as stated. However, any increase in percentage would come through an additional appropriation. The legislature has to decide where the priorities are. One wonders as we consider World Hunger how much we should look at Mississippi hunger.

Albany, N. Y. (RNS) — The New York State Court of Appeals has ruled that doctors may be legally liable for medical costs if they fail to warn pregnant women of possible birth defects in the children they are bearing. In a 5-2 ruling, the state court said in such cases the doctor may be required to pay lifetime special costs of caring for the child.

Columbus First, Draws On Rich Heritage Of Missions

By Tim Nicholas

History helps make things the way they are. It is so with people and it is so with churches.

The roll call of pastors at First Baptist Church in Columbus may give a hint as to what the people there are like. The 2nd pastor, George Tucker served as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The 5th, William Carey Crane, was later president of Baylor University.

The 7th, Isaac Taylor Tichenor helped to establish Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, then in Greenville, S. C. He was president of Auburn University and for 17 years headed up the Home Mission Board.

Daniel P. Bestor, the 11th pastor, was first secretary of the Home Mission Board in 1845. During the pastorate of Henry W. Battle, the 14th, the church hosted the Southern Baptist Convention in 1881, the only time it has met in Mississippi.

Sam F. Taylor, the 15th pastor, was for 17 years head of the Home Mission Board, and at retirement, was made secretary emeritus. J. B. Lawrence, the 21st, was author of over two dozen religious books and served as head of the Home Mission Board.

The 23rd, T. L. Holcomb, became executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The 25th and 26th pastors served 25 and 35 years, respectively. While J. D. Franks was pastor, the church recorded 4,900 additions. While S. R. Woodson was pastor (35 years), he led the church into a mission mindedness. He started Fairview Baptist Church in 1955.

The current pastor, Joe McKeever, is a member of the Foreign Mission Board. Bill Hardy, minister of education, has been on the Brotherhood Commission. Both are on search committees to select the next chief executives for the Foreign Mission Board and Brotherhood Commission.

Today At FBC

"I definitely plan to tithe in 1979," says the sign-up card given to members of First Baptist Church, Columbus. That's all they ask — no dollars and cents figures. The budget is made up and then the people are asked if they will tithe.

The 1978 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions goal was \$45,000. And the church is among the top per capita givers in Mississippi to the Cooperative Program each year.

Mrs. C. N. Brandon, 80, a church historian, recalls that back in 1932, pastor J. D. Franks made the women stop holding bazaars. "He said we should give the money instead," she recalls.

The church members gave and continued to do so. But the church is not simply an outlet for missions financing.

First Baptist Church, Columbus, is "a mission-minded church," says minister of education Bill Hardy, who credits Franks, who led the church through the Depression, as a mainstay in the determination of the church's direction. Pastors have kept the people informed about Southern Baptist life and work, according to Hardy.

Prayer Retreat Set

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men's organizations. She and her husband Bill have been serving as home missionaries in the Birmingham area. She is a native of Alabama and earned the B.A. degree from Bennett College and the M. A. degree from Wellesley College.

Laura Fry is the Home Mission Board's first national evangelism consultant for women. She was appointed in February, 1978 as a nationwide resource person to help make women aware of evangelistic opportunities available.

She formerly served as BSU director at the University of Texas and as a US-2er.

Miss Fry earned the B.S. degree at SIU, Carbondale, and the M.R.E. degree from Golden Gate Seminary.

Lunch will be provided at the prayer retreat. No charge will be made but reservations for the lunch should be sent to WMU, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Baptist Women, black and white, from all over the state, are invited, Miss Storey said. She added that church groups are encouraged to get together so that women without transportation will have a way to come.

Marjean Patterson, director of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, observed that this is the first time the National Baptist and Southern Baptist Women have planned to meet together for a prayer retreat. "We are very optimistic," she said, "and confident that many Baptist Women will want to come and be a part of this event."

The Good News Mississippi Committee will feature a joint rally March 23 in Jackson; then simultaneous revivals will be held in black and white Baptist churches all across the state in April.

Co-chairmen of the Good News Mis-



Preschool class at FBC, Columbus visits a farm.

Hardy reports that Franks and other pastors have always made denominational leaders pulpit guests. In November, Grady Cothen, head of the Sunday School Board preached there with a message on Bold Mission Thrust.

Hardy explains that McKeever has continued the mission-minded nature of the Columbus church's pulpit. In the five years McKeever has been pastor there, the Lottie Moon offering goal has increased from \$15,000 to \$45,000.

After meetings of the Foreign Mission Board, McKeever makes first hand reports to the congregation. In 1977, the church sent him to Singapore to write and draw an evangelistic comic book for youths.

Prayer Room

A 24 hour prayer room ministry, for the moment without nighttime on duty personnel, is available for callers. Volunteers take an hour a week at the church and keep three books: a seven-day emergency prayer book, one for two weeks, and a permanent roll for burdens of the heart. They advertise in the local paper and send counseling requests to the local Contact crisis counseling service.

Wilson Henderson leads a full music program which includes a graded choir program which was the first organized in the state.

The church deacons do new member visitation and hold the Lord's Supper with shut-ins once a year with the service broadcast on television. "They'll do what I ask in helping," says McKeever, "but there's no sustained ministry as such."

Visitation is planned once a month. Hardy says that the church has never been big on outreach. "I guess this is the weakest area of ministry for our church," he says.

The youths have a newly organized outreach program, led by youth minister Bryan Harris who is working discipleship principles into his ministry. He says he tries to divide his time into thirds: among youths, youth leaders, and in counseling with parents of youths. This month, he'll teach a witnessing clinic (Win Our World) to the teens.

Teachers in the preschool and kindergarten run by the church do home visitation. A number of children enrolled have parents who do not attend

Mississippi Committee are Richard Porter, president of the East Mississippi Missionary Baptist Convention and pastor of the Owens Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Columbia, and Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Budget . . .

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The Cooperative Program is the Southern Baptist Convention's voluntary unified system for financing the denomination's far-flung missions endeavors and supportive efforts.

In November the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board determined how the Cooperative Program income beyond the budget goal will be handled. Christian Education will get 18 percent, or \$33,069. Southern Baptist Convention causes got 32 percent of the budget and also will receive 32 percent of the overage. This will amount to \$58,789. These two figures amount to half of the surplus.

Of the remainder, \$15,000 will be used to purchase a mobile chapel, \$3,000 will be used to help finance a satellite transmission of a session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston in June, \$16,500 will go for special church growth projects all across the state, and \$10,000 will be used for promotion of the Good News Mississippi simultaneous revival campaigns and rally in March and April all across Mississippi.

The remaining \$47,358 will be used to help reach the \$850,000 to be used in the development of Central Hills Baptist Retreat near Kosciusko. Bids on beginning construction at the facility will be opened on Jan. 23.

church. Preschool/children's director Patsy (Mrs. John) Wilson stresses readiness in reading and math for her charges. Eight to ten people from the state school for the mentally retarded attend a special education class at the church. And the children have discovery trips to such places as the airport, post office and fire station. This past summer the church Vacation Bible School enrolled 342 children age three through grade six.

In terms of outreach, 50 youth volunteers led in 25 backyard Bible Clubs this past summer enrolling 600 children in four weeks of clubs. They've set an enrollment goal of 1,000 this next summer.

In 1976, the assistant pastor, Tom Warrington and his wife Sandy went to Costa Rica as missionaries. Missionaries in Africa reciprocated with the church's first black member in 1975. A student at the "W" — the young woman had been led to the Lord by a Southern Baptist missionary. Only four members voted against her joining. Later one of those four paid her tuition the next semester to school.

Other members are going out into missions and returning. This past summer deacon chairman, James Gatewood, a dentist, pulled teeth and witnessed on St. Vincent's Island.

Debbie Holcomb, with a new dental degree, was sent by the church to Mexico for the same sort of work. College age young people from the church went as summer missionaries from the church to the Baptist Children's home in Phoenix, Ariz., the past two summers. In 1979 one will go to Minnesota to help in church planting.

To New Jersey

This coming summer 80 adults and young people are set to go to New Jersey for two weeks to build a church and hold Backyard Bible Clubs and revivals.

Emily Lau, a graduate of the W who was witnessed to by a church member who grew up a Jew, is included in the church budget. When she finishes New Orleans seminary, the church will pay her expenses as a Mission Service Corps worker back to her home in Hong Kong to teach in a Christian school there.

Miss Lau, who returned from an international retreat as a Christian, had earlier questioned Nancy Finn about why she changed her religion.

Mrs. Finn, who wears a necklace with a cross inside a star of David, told her she had gone from death to life. Mrs. Finn herself had been searching for something in her life when she spun the radio dial and heard McKeever's preaching.

Intrigued, she visited the church and happened to sit by church Secretary Dottee (pronounced Dah-tee) Owen who introduced her to McKeever.

"I'm a new Christian and I'm looking for a church home," she said. "You've found it," said McKeever.

A volunteer in the prayer room and teacher of young singles, Mrs. Quinn, feels she can relate to divorce because she's divorced, regularly gets comments on her necklace. "You can't wear that," said both Jews and Christians. She sends them to Romans where Paul talks about "completed Jews."

First Baptist Church, Columbus, is a church rich in history, but's still being enriched by the people who make it up.

Disaster

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Houston; and Sammy and Wesley Platt (father and son) of Columbus.

Said Griffin of the effect of having a Baptist ministry such as this, "The people up here have been giving to state missions, but never realized they would be recipients."

Prater said people were praising the Lord — especially when the volunteers would knock on an elderly couple's door offering a hot meal where the couple only had a couple of slices of bread to eat.

The disaster unit, consisting of a 40 foot moving van outfitted with a mass feeding kitchen and living quarters for volunteers, was dedicated only last November. It went into service in December when it was called to Frankfort, Kentucky following severe flooding. The work in Clarksdale was the second operation for the unit.

Allen Advises Begin To Have 'Patience Of Job' In Talks

JERUSALEM (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy Allen, in a 45-minute conference with Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin, advised him to have the "patience of Job" in the pursuit of peace, and expressed Southern Baptist concern for continued religious liberty in Israel.

Allen reported by telephone that Begin smiled when advised to have the patience of Job, the steadfast Old Testament believer who refused to renounce his faith in God despite personal and family catastrophes. "If you want me to have the patience of Job, then I'll have the patience of Job," Begin told Allen.

During his nine-day visit to Israel, Allen also conferred with other key Israeli officials to express concern over the year-old anti-bribery law which makes it illegal to offer or receive material or other benefits to change

religions. Baptists and other Christians in Israel have feared it might be misinterpreted to prevent evangelical Christians from witnessing to their faith.

Allen said he was encouraged by the reception he received from justice minister Schmu'el Tamir and other officials. Allen expressed concern that a new Israeli law now being written include adequate safeguards for religious freedom. Tamir assured Allen that he believes very keenly that Israel "should set the example before the eyes of the world of the protection of conscience."

Allen said the conference with Begin, which took place shortly after noon on Jan. 3, was a "very good visit." The two talked at some length about the current Middle East peace negotiations, with Allen assuring the prime minister of Baptist prayers for him, Egyptian President Sadat, and

the role played by the United States.

Allen said that Southern Baptists were praying for Begin's health and for wisdom for him. Begin replied, "My health is in the hands of God. I hope we can have wisdom as we move through the decisions that we make."

Allen also talked with Begin "about our expectations about religious freedom . . . and our concern that Israel continue to set an example for the world at this point." The Knesset, the Israeli parliament, is having hearings on this section of the constitution.

"I expressed the hope that the guarantees for religious freedom of speech and the right to change faith that are in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, to which Israel is a signatory, be incorporated with the body of Israeli law," Allen reported.

Allen said Begin will not respond directly to that word, but did say that since Israel has been administering Jerusalem there has been "total freedom of access for all faiths and that there is a commitment on the part of the Israeli government to recognize the rights and freedoms of all individuals of all faiths."

Allen said he had a frank exchange of views with David Glass, chairman of the Knesset committee on law and justice, the committee which dealt with the antibribery law passed in December of 1977.

Glass does not believe in evangelizing as part of one's faith and feels the law is necessary, Allen said. But the official listened to Allen's position that the law is not needed.

Allen, who made the trip to Israel as Southern Baptist Convention president but did not use convention funds for it, was honored at a reception in Jerusalem to which members of the city's religious community were invited.

He also was to meet informally with about 20 of the Southern Baptist representatives who serve in Israel before leaving for Scotland Jan. 6 to confer with leaders of the Baptist Union of Scotland. He and Mrs. Allen planned to return to the United States Jan. 10.

Central Hills

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Dodge Corporation Plan Room, and Associated General Contractor's Plan Room. Copies of the drawings and specifications may be obtained from Dean & Dean with the payment of a deposit.

Cost of the entire project is expected to be about \$850,000. Levon Moore, director of missions for Attala Association, is chairman of the Central Hills Baptist Retreat Development Committee.

Interest For Fixed Fund Climbs To 8.19 Percent

DALLAS, Texas — The Southern Baptist Annuity Board will credit an effective annual interest rate of 8.19

percent to the pension planning agency's Fixed Fund investment plan during 1979, according to Darold H. Morgan, Board president.

The Fixed Fund is one of three funds in which participants of retirement programs build benefits. The other two are called the Balanced and Variable Funds.

The new rate is derived from a monthly compounding crediting rate of 7.9 percent and will be applied to the accounts of some 39,279 ministers, church employees and institutional personnel who participate in the Fixed Fund.

The fund is invested in fixed income assets. Its principal is guaranteed and credited with an interest rate set at the end of one year for the next.

"The 8.19 percent is the largest the Annuity Board has ever credited," said Morgan. "This announcement is in keeping with the Annuity Board's purpose of benefiting our participants to the greatest extent possible."

Nashville (RNS) — Church bulletin covers with Scriptures and hymns in five Native American tribal languages have been produced by the evangelism section of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship. The covers that have already been printed — and sold out — feature a photograph of Native Americans on the front and a brief statement on Christian worship on the back, along with hymns and Scriptures. When a second set of covers is completed, two will be available in each of five tribal languages: Cherokee, Choctaw, Cheyenne, Kiowa, and Creek.

WITNESS COMMITMENT

With the Holy Spirit as my guide, I shall pray for and make an effort to share Christ with the following people this year:

(List these names in the fly leaf of your Bible as your permanent prayer list.)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Department _____

☐ I would be interested in a witness training class in the near future.

January 14 is Witness Commitment Day. Baptists are urged to make commitments to share Christ with others in 1979. Cards to formalize the commitments are available on request from the Evangelism Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Mississippi Sunday School Enrollment

Top 15 Associations 1977-78

Hinds-Madison	34,625
Rankin	12,395
Jackson	12,015
Lauderdale	11,661
Gulfoast	11,287
Jones	11,242
Lebanon	10,602
Lee	10,398
DeSoto	9,782
Lincoln	7,056
Washington	6,669
Lowndes	6,320
Warren	6,277
Pearl River	6,226
Union County	5,506

Harper And Hedgepeth Will Present Concert

A sacred concert to be presented by Cecil Harper, bass, and Myrna Loy Hedgepeth, soprano, is scheduled for Feb. 4 in the City Auditorium in Jackson.

The Callaway Singers, a 100-voice choir from Callaway High School in Jackson, will also be on the program. Martha Nielson is the director.

The accompanist will be Vera Scirra of Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson. Both Harper and Mrs. Hedgepeth live in Jackson.

The concert will be at 3 p.m.

While the program has not been completely finalized, Harper said he planned to include four numbers, which are "The Lord's Prayer," "The Holy City," "I Walked Today where Jesus Walked," and "Rocked In The

Cradle of the Deep" during his solo portion. While circumstances many times necessitate his singing baritone, Harper said he plans to sing bass, his natural voice part, during this concert.

Mrs. Hedgepeth said that among her numbers will be "The King Is Coming," "How Great Thou Art," "Jesus Loves Me," and "Love Lifted Me."

The two will sing several numbers as duets, and these will include "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," "Amazing Grace," and "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah."

The Callaway Singers will present numbers from their sacred repertoire, and an ensemble and a quartet from the group will also be presented.

16 District Keyboard Festivals Set In State

A series of 16 district keyboard festivals will take place in Mississippi Jan. 25-27.

The festivals are for piano participants in first through 12th grades, and organ participants 10th through 12th grades, according to Dot Pray, state keyboard specialist/coordinator for the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Festivals set for Thursday, Jan. 25, all meeting at 6:30 p.m., will take place at First Church, Oxford; Parkway, Natchez; First Church, Grenada; First Church, Brandon; and Wood-

land Hills Church, Jackson.

Those on Friday, Jan. 26 will meet at 6:30 p.m. at First, Aberdeen; First, Leland; East McComb Church, McComb; Highland Church, Meridian; and West Laurel Church, Laurel.

Festivals for Saturday, Jan. 27, will begin at 9 a.m. and will meet at First, Pascagoula; Colonial Heights, Jackson; Parkway, Jackson; Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg; First Church, Greenville; and Highland Church, Laurel.

The State Keyboard Festival is slated for Feb. 23 and 24 at Mississippi College.

Baptists Seek Survival Of Only Turkish Church

By Stan Hasty

WASHINGTON (BP) — In the wake of an official communication from the government of Turkey that Southern Baptists' only congregation in that country is unauthorized, denominational leaders have protested to both the Turkish ambassador to the United States and the U. S. State Department.

The English-speaking Galatian Baptist Church, located in Ankara since 1966, was described as unauthorized by Turkish officials in early December. The church, which serves mainly Americans but includes other English-speaking Baptists, was closed until earlier this year by James F. Leeper, a Southern Baptist missionary. Leeper was expelled from Turkey on September 29, and has been given 20 days of his choosing to return to Ankara to remove his family and belongings.

Until the Turkish communication to the State Department, however, the controversy seemed to center around Leeper, despite the lack of official charges against him. What has become apparent in recent days is that the existence of the congregation itself is at stake.

J. D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East, in a letter dated Dec. 14, asked the U. S. State Department to seek official authorization for the congregation by the Turkish government.

Hughey pointed out in his letter to Alan Flanigan, who directs Turkish affairs at the State Department, that the church has repeatedly sought official recognition by Turkish officials, but without success. Hughey did note, however, that in early 1971 the governor of Ankara gave his oral approval for the congregation's existence.

Leeper, himself, Hughey said, was granted a residence permit in 1977 "on the basis of his being pastor of the

church. . . It is strange that it took the Turkish authorities 12 years to announce that the church is illegal," Hughey said. The residence permit was revoked in 1978.

Hughey told Flanigan that the Foreign Mission Board is "depending on" American officials both in Ankara and Washington to help obtain the necessary permission for the church to continue its operations. He also said, "We are ready to follow whatever procedure may be required" in acquiring official authorization for the congregation's survival.

The letter from Hughey followed by several days a strongly-worded protest to the Turkish ambassador in Washington by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

James E. Wood Jr., the joint committee's executive director, wrote Ambassador Melih Esenbel expressing "profound concern for the present and future status" of the congregation. "We strongly support the right of this English language Baptist church to hold services just as we are similarly committed to the right of other faiths to do so in our respective countries," Wood wrote.

Esenbel earlier said he understood Leeper had been charged with disseminating "religious propaganda," which, he said, violates Turkish law. He said any effort to influence people to change their religion falls under the umbrella of "religious propaganda."

Upcoming At Gulfshore

Feb. 2-3-4 Airman Retreat, Keesler Air Force
Feb. 9-10 Couples Communication Seminar, New Orleans Baptist Association

Two to Mississippi

Home Mission Board Names New Personnel

ATLANTA (BP) — Glenn Sheppard, pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Lawrenceville, Ga., was named director of personal evangelism during the December meeting of the Home Mission Board.

Directors also named Quinn Pugh, a director of the Home Mission Board and pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Bel Air, Md., as director of the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, and A. Wilson Parker, now mission division director for the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention, as director of the Iowa Southern Baptist Fellowship.

Pugh and his wife, Norma, and Parker and his wife, Lucy, will serve as appointed home missionaries in cooperation with the respective state Baptist convention.

Directors named two additional missionaries, Gene and Priscilla Tunnell of Atlanta, Ga., and 11 missionary associates — Mario and Maria Acacia of Ontario, Canada; Mary Archer of Johnson City, Tenn.; Carolyn Clark of New Orleans, La.; Donald Dillard of Louisville, Ky.; Lynn and Everell Ec-

keberger of Lubbock, Texas; Diane Griffin of Louisville; Carolyn McClelland of New Orleans; and Carl and Lou Wilks of Chalmette, La.

The board also accepted the resignation of Bob Reccord, director of witness training in the evangelism section, who will join the staff of Evangelism Explosion, International, based in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., effective Jan. 12, 1979.

Tunnell will serve with the Home Mission Board's language missions department as consultant with refugees. Prior to appointment he was a foreign missionary serving in the language school of Costa Rica and during the Vietnamese refugee resettlement program in 1975 he worked at Fort Chaffee, Ark. Tunnell and his wife, Priscilla Jones Tunnell, served three years in Vietnam.

The Acacias will serve in Washington, D. C., as language missionaries to the internationals in the nation's capital. Acacia, a native of Italy, has served as an Italian missionary in Ontario and Quebec, Canada, and as a pastor in Italy.

Mary Archer, a Tennessee native, will serve as director of the Johnson City, Tenn., Baptist Center.

Carolyn Crumpton Clark, a native of Fairfield, Ala., will be a student worker at the Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans while attending New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Donald Dillard, a Dallas, Tex., native, will serve as a student intern in Louisville through the Highland Outreach Program for the Elderly in Louisville while a student in Southern Seminary.

The Eckeborgers will serve in the western region of Mississippi as Christian social ministries missionary associates. Eckebberger, a Texas native, has worked in the River Ministry of the Texas Baptist Convention and in literacy missions in Laredo, Tex., as well as serving two years as director of Christian social ministries in Lubbock.

Diane Griffin, a native of Raleigh, N. C., will serve as a student intern as director of the special education area at Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville while attending Southern Seminary.

Carolyn McClelland, a native of Tylertown, Miss., will serve as assistant director of the Friendship House in New Orleans and as day care director.

The Wilks will serve as associate director/chaplain for the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans.



King Accepts Three Awards For Mississippi

Kermit King, (right), church training director for Mississippi, receives an award from Ed Smith (left), church training editor at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, for the largest percentage of churches reporting church enrollment in 1976-77. The award was presented during the annual December promotion and planning meeting in Nashville. King also received two church study course awards for Mississippi for the largest increase in church training leadership diplomas in 1977-78 and the largest increase in church training leadership awards.



Student Work Leaders At Gulfshore

PASS CHRISTIAN, MISS. — Representatives from Mississippi's department of student work recently attended National Student Ministries' annual December promotion and planning meeting led by Shirley Roselle (center), director of NSM at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. The two attending the meeting at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly were Jerry Meriman, associate and director-elect, and Ralph Winders, director of the department of student work.

Sunday School Teaching, Growth Meetings Planned

A series of 19 Sunday School Teaching and Growth Conferences gets underway Jan. 22 at First Baptist Church, Moss Point.

Each of the conferences will have the same format. They will continue into the summer and will have covered the state with regional meetings by the time of conclusion.

Each conference will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude at 9:30 p.m. Each will have a two-pronged approach, according to state Sunday School Director Bryant M. Cummings. Beginning at 7:15 p.m. will be five conferences on "How to Teach the Bible." These conferences will be for all Sunday School leaders in the areas of preschool, children, youth, adult, and general offerings. These conferences will end at 8:15 p.m.

General sessions will begin at 8:25 p.m. and will deal with "How to Reach Prospects." These sessions will deal

with enlarging the Sunday School.

Five of the 19 conferences will be in January. In addition to the one at Moss Point will be conferences at First Church, Gulfport, Jan. 23; First Church, Carriere, Jan. 25; First Church, Natchez, Jan. 29; and First Church, Yazoo City, Jan. 30.

The Baptist Record will continue to list the conference dates and places each week for easy reference. The first two in February are at Second Church, Greenville, Feb. 1 and First Church, Canton, Feb. 5.

Jackson County Appoints Webb To Missions

Allen O. Webb, pastor of Ingalls Avenue Baptist Church in Pascagoula from 1971 until Dec. 31, is the new director of missions for Jackson Baptist Association.

In his new position Webb follows Zeno Wells, who retired on Dec. 31.

Webb is a native of Waltham County. He attended public school in Itta Bena and is a graduate of Mississippi College. He earned the doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Seminary.

He was licensed to preach in 1938 and ordained in 1941 by First Baptist Church, Itta Bena.

Before assuming the Ingalls Avenue Pastorate Webb was pastor of Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson for 11 years. Before that he spent 13 years in Texas pastorates. They were First Church, Thröckmorton; First Church, Haskell; First Church, Bay City; Second Church, Corpus Christi; and Harlandale Church, San Antonio.

Webb has been moderator for Jackson Association for the past two years. Before that he served four years as chairman of the association's missions committee. He was chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Convention committee on order of business in 1963, and he now serves on the board of trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

There are 41 churches and 16,000 resident members in Jackson Association.

Single Adults Workers Hold Conference

First Baptist Church, Clinton will host a statewide conference for Sunday School workers with single adults on Friday night, Jan. 26, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

James Williams, professor of adult education at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will be one of the conference leaders along with Bill McIlwain, minister of education, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson.

This leadership conference is planned to meet the needs of workers with single adults in the Bible teaching program of the churches of Mississippi. Those who are now leading single adults in Sunday School as well as those who are contemplating working in this area are invited to this conference.

The conference begins with a banquet in the church fellowship hall. Reservations are made through the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

Jan. 12-13 Single Again Mid-Winter Seminar, Alta Woods Church, Jackson, sponsored by the Christian Action Commission.

Jan. 14 Witness Commitment Day (Evangelism Emphasis)

Jan. 15-18 Human Relations Seminar, sponsored by Christian Action Commission. 15 — Blue Mountain College, 16 — Clarke College, 17 — William Carey College, 18 — Mississippi College

Young Ministers' Wives Will Retreat To Garaywa

Young women under 40, who are wives of ministers, have been invited to a retreat at Camp Garaywa, Clinton, Jan. 26-27.

The retreat, sponsored by Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, will begin at supertime Friday, Jan. 26, and end at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27.

Missionary speakers will be Delores Magee of Colombia and Gloria Thurman of Bangladesh. They will tell how they happened to become missionaries. Mrs. Magee's husband Bob was a minister of music and Mrs. Thurman's husband Tom was a pastor when they were called into foreign mission service.

Chester Vaughn, program director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will talk to the ministers' wives about proper management of time.

Clifton Perkins, director, Church Minister Relations, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will give pointers on what the minister's wife should do when a pulpit committee is talking to her husband.

Ann Rushing, star of WJTV's "Market Basket," will give information on knowing how to make the best food buys for the money.

For late, late entertainment a Walt Disney movie will be shown.

Each participant should bring casual clothes, pillow, blanket, sheets, towel, washcloth, toothbrush, Bible, and notebook.

Reservations should be sent in to the WMU as early as possible, though there is no charge to the participants.

Salisbury (RNS) — A West German Jesuit missionary priest was shot dead (Dec. 26) at a remote mission station in northeastern Rhodesia. Catholic Church sources said here. He was identified as Father Gerhard Pieper, 38, from West Berlin, who ran the Kangaire Mission northeast of Mount Darwin.

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Time of Truth . . . Climate Right For Controls On Pornography, Alcohol

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nate. They are Senate Bill 2314 by Senators Harpole, Sanford Steckler of Biloxi, Pickering, James Caldwell of Crystal Springs, Nap Cassibry of Gulfport, and William Guy of McComb; SB 2315 by Senators Pickering, Caldwell, Cassibry, and Guy; and SB 2316 by Senators Harpole, Caldwell, Cassibry, and Guy. These have been referred to Senate Judiciary Committee B, and the chairman of this committee is Sen. Herman DeCell of Yazoo City. Three other bills on pornography have been referred to Senate Judiciary Committee B, and two of them are sponsored by Sen. DeCell. SB 2201 by Sen. DeCell and Sen. John Waldrop of New Albany defines offenses relating to obscenity and sexually oriented material. SB 2388 by Senators Ed Ellington of Jackson, DeCell, and Jim Walters of Jackson would prohibit sexual exploitation of children. SB 2389 by Sen. Ellington defines offenses relating to obscenity and sexually oriented material.

Two Other Bills

Two other bills on obscenity have been introduced in the House and assigned to House Judiciary Committee B. One is HB 322 by Representatives Reuben Herring of Tylertown, Harold Stringer of Prentiss, and Gerald Blessey of Biloxi. It would regulate obscenity and related offenses. HB 174 by Rep. Dennis Dollar of Gulfport would provide criminal sanctions against the sexual exploitation of children and prohibit the transportation and dissemination of materials relating to the

sexual exploitation of children. Which of these many bills are the finest? This writer surely would have no way of knowing. Surely they all have been carefully worded, for the problem of the moment is that our pornography bills are so vague as to be unenforceable. And remember, identical bills must pass both the House and the Senate.

A number of bills relating to alcohol also have been filed in both houses. One has but to consider the human wrecks, the death, and the property damage that surround alcohol to understand that some sort of regulation must accompany alcohol where ever it is in action. One of the strange but evidently necessary bills is HB 201 by Rep. J. P. Compretta of Bay St. Louis. This bill, assigned to the Ways and Means Committee, would prohibit the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages on the campuses of the public schools and at the athletic events of the schools. This is strange because Mississippi is supposed to be a dry state. Because of the insidious arrangement that allows a political entity to vote of come out from under prohibition, this bill is necessary. The committee chairman is Rep. A. C. Lambert of Tupelo.

Blood Alcohol Content

Several bills would seek to lower the level of alcohol in the blood stream for a person to be considered intoxicated. Mississippi now allows a blood alcohol content of .15 per cent, which is 50 per cent higher than any other state. Forty-seven states consider a person drunk with a blood alcohol content of

.10, and two make it .08. Thus a person considered dead drunk in any other state could be driving legally in Mississippi. Maybe some of our drunks will get confused and cross a state line — any state line. They would be arrested.

In the Senate the bill on blood alcohol content is SB 2224 by Sen. Sam Wright of Clinton. It would establish that a person with a blood alcohol content of .08 percent would be under the influence of alcohol, and a person with a content of .10 or more would be considered intoxicated. This has gone to Senate Judiciary Committee A, which has Sen. Carroll Ingram of Hattiesburg as its chairman.

Two similar bills in the House are HB 227 by Rep. Malcolm Mabry of Dublin and HB 617 by Rep. Dollar. Both have been assigned to House Judiciary Committee A, which is headed by Rep. H. L. Meredith of Greenville. Both of these bills would declare a person under the influence of liquor with a blood alcohol content of .075 per cent and intoxicated with a blood alcohol content of .10 per cent. Action is possible at this legislative session with support from the voters.

Another bill in the House is HB 43 by Rep. Douglas Abraham of Greenville. This bill would allocate one-half of all excise taxes collected on alcoholic beverages and beer and light wine to the county or municipality where collected. This sounds fine on the surface, but the intent seems to be to entice dry counties to vote wet to get the tax money. All of such taxes now go into the state treasury. This has been as-

signed to the House Ways and Means Committee.

They Never Quit

Proof that liquor interests never quit is the fact that this year again a bill has been introduced in the Senate to make the advertising of alcohol legal. This was stopped in committee last year, and here it is back again. This year's bill is SB 2027 by Sen. Ben Stone of Gulfport, and it has gone to Sen. Ingram's Judiciary Committee A. The fact that outside interests sending publications into the state can carry liquor advertising is understandably a problem. But having a problem doesn't necessitate opening the gate to trouble. Liquor is such a deceitful and dangerous drug that it needs to be stopped on every front on which it is attempting to advance. There is no need to advertise liquor in a dry state. If it were advertised at all in Mississippi, it would be advertised in all areas — wet and dry.

Additionally SB 2264 by Sen. Howard Dyer of Greenville would subject alcoholic beverages to a 3 per cent mark up to be used for funding alcoholism treatment and rehabilitation programs. This is good, for it taxes the product to pay for the mess it makes of its victims. This bill has gone to the Senate Finance Committee, which is headed by Sen. Ellis Bodron of Vicksburg.

There are many others. HB 328 would establish a racing commission and has gone to the Ways and Means Committee. This needs to be stopped. Several states this year defeated racing proposals because they feared this sort of gambling. We don't need it here. This is by Rep. Fred Banks of Jackson. On the other hand, HB 105 by Rep. Burkes would make bookmaking illegal. This has gone to Judiciary Committee A. This bill deserves support.

This is a great deal of information, and more could be presented, such as proposals to eliminate the sales tax for churches. Sen. Charles Nix of Batesville introduced SB 2200 in the Senate, and it is in the Finance Committee. Reps. Charles Lippin of Pascagoula and Thomas Golt of Biloxi introduced HB's 53, 57, and 58; and Rep. Mabry introduced HB 564 in the House. All would eliminate the sales tax for churches, and all are in the Ways and Means Committee.

Please take an interest in this legislation and be in touch with your legislators. They need to know how you feel about these matters of utmost importance.

If Baptists in Mississippi want pornography regulated and the brakes put on liquor, we can get it. We will have to hurry.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Genevrey

"Whatever has happened to Genevrey?" A lot, I expect. Knowing her, I don't hear from her often since she moved back to Louisiana.

After she left a note for me in the press room during the '78 SBC I searched among thousands of faces but never found Genevrey's in Atlanta.

If you know Genevrey, you'll remember her as an energetic, friendly woman who never meets a stranger. Believe me, from all reports, she is still full of energy. First Baptist Church of Homer, La., last year awarded her a pin and plaque for 25 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School, Training Union, worship services, prayer meeting, and Woman's Missionary Union. If anybody else ever had such a record I never heard of it.

Seventeen years of the 25 in perfect attendance were in Mississippi churches, one year at First, Taylorsville and 16 at Second Avenue, Laurel. Also she has attended church in 24 other states and in Puerto Rico. Genevrey was born in Copiah County, Mississippi, but has lived most of her life in Louisiana. Her husband, Clifton, with an oil company, transferred from Homer to Laurel, and back to Homer. Their house is at 319 Beardsley Ave.

I first met the blue-eyed, black-haired Genevrey at Molly Fairchild's house one Saturday morning in Laurel when I went to interview Molly for an article about a mission project at a carnival. I can't remember what year that was, but Molly's husband, Elvin, was pastor in Laurel then. The Fairchilds live in Moselle now.

Genevrey's attendance record and interest in missions I knew about. (Her son, McKinney Adams, is a home missionary.) Then I found out she's a champion cook, specializing in cakes and chicken.

Her cakes have won first place in state fairs more than once and she's been Mississippi's Pillsbury winner and queen of the Ark-La-Tex. Bakers. Her fried chicken tastes so good

that she has placed in national chicken cooking festivals.

Have you ever heard of anyone else named Genevrey? I haven't either. And she's as original as her name. When she was frying chicken for the national Delmarva chicken cooking contest in Dover, Delaware, she decided she wanted to wear an unusual dress. Finding no material with chickens printed on it, she took pinkish shears to her place mats and cut out the orange roosters. She sewed one rooster on the back of her dress and one on the front. A Dover newspaper man interviewed her and wrote, "Mississippi Cook Crows About Dover Hospitality."

Later, Pet Milk Magazine featured her Mardi Gras Chicken recipe that uses Pet Milk.

She told me she got into baking contests in 1950 when the Pilot Club of Shreveport sponsored a cake baking competition and auctioned off cakes so proceeds would go to help the blind.

Her recipes have appeared in the Laurel Leader-Call Cookbook, Carson-Newman Baptist Women's Cookbook, MFC News, and in various newspapers. Her devotionals have appeared in Open Windows.

Her fresh apple cake recipe:
2 cups sugar, 3 eggs, 1 1/2 cups cooking oil, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 3 cups plain flour, 1/2 teaspoon soda, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon (or cloves), 3 cups fresh apples (chopped fine), 1 (or more) cups nuts.
Mix ingredients in order given. Bake in 350 degree oven for one hour in a greased and floured baking dish.

In jingle and slogan-writing contests she has won prizes from a \$2500 trip to a dog dish. One time she placed in the top seven in a dog food contest, when she wrote a love letter from the dog to the food company. When a telegram asked her to describe her dog, she was so honest she admitted she did not own a dog but was describing one she formerly owned. (Rules had not particularly specified dog ownership.)

Honesty that can't be questioned. Exuberance that cannot be quelled. Genevrey has them.

Letters To The Editor

Letters Of Appreciation To Mississippi Baptists

From Kentucky

In making a walking tour of our capital city today I met your task force members while they were providing disaster relief to our flood victims.

They were certainly a welcome group here. On behalf of our city and the state please accept our sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

Julian Carroll

Governor, State of Kentucky

From Frankfort

Just a note of thanks to you for your part in helping our city back on its feet.

Those hot meals along with your smiling faces and encouraging words make our task so much easier.

You will never know how wonderful it was to see that big white trailer with "BAPTIST" printed on it ministering to our community.

Please give our love and appreciation to your family for lending you to us! May the Lord bless your future efforts in His name as He has done during this crisis. Your love and 'good Samaritan' act will always be remembered by the City of Frankfort and especially by the preacher.

Don Cherry, Pastor
Bellepoint Baptist Church
Frankfort, Ky.

From Willard F.

Bond Home

Recently during the holiday season members of the Damascus Baptist Church of Florida showed their true Christian love and concern for the residents here at the Willard F. Bond Home. Rev. V. R. Crider and Mr. William Bradshaw toured our Home, visited with its residents and left a love gift (above their regular tithes and offerings) of \$700.

Our Board of Directors, staff and residents are truly grateful to this congregation for its generous contribution.

Thomas O. Nichols
Administrator
Willard F. Bond Home
Madison, Miss.

From Radio-TV

Commission

The Thanksgiving season just past, when we counted our blessings, and the approaching Christmas season, which reminds us of God's greatest gift to humanity, seems an appropriate time to tell you how grateful the Radio and Television Commission is for the generosity of Mississippi Baptists in helping underwrite the ministry of this agency.

Mississippi Baptists contributed \$141,156.82 of the income which came to the Radio and Television Commission from the Cooperative Program during 1977-78.

We used the money you gave us to

provide programs for 107 radio stations and 5 television stations in your state. These broadcasts presented Christ as Savior, and were offered in the name of the Southern Baptist Convention. The free time given back to Baptists by Mississippi stations airing our programs was valued at \$268,216.

You may have seen, as I did, a recent television program that helped me understand for the first time in my life why the Polar Star is so important in navigation. The Polar Star doesn't seem to move. It is always in the Northern sky and other stars move around it. Ancient sailors called the Polar Star their P.O.R., point of reference, and seeing that star always made everything else fall into place. They knew the Polar Star would lead them home and that all other stars are wandering stars and would lead them astray.

The Polar Star, point of reference, for every Christian is Jesus Christ. And Jesus Christ is the point of reference for your Radio and Television Commission. He is the standard by which every program in this agency is measured.

The Commission fixes on this point of reference as we conduct a program of bold missions on 3,517 radio and television stations in the United States and 40 other countries of the world. Virtually all the money spent by the Commission in its ministry goes into program production, audience building, and program response. The Commission uses the public service time provided by the stations and buys no air time. This past year, local radio and television stations, plus the networks, gave programs the Commission produced for Baptists time valued at nearly \$18.5 million dollars. Paul M. Stevens
President
Radio-TV Commission

From Golden Gate

Information has just arrived about the financial support Golden Gate Seminary received from the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board during the past year. We here at Golden Gate deeply appreciate the \$57,550.24 provided by God through the Baptists of Mississippi. Without this we would not be able to do what God has placed us here to do.

We at the seminary pray for you daily and ask God to guide and strengthen you. Our prayer is that this will be the best year ever for the Baptists of Mississippi.

William M. Pinson, Jr.
President
Golden Gate Seminary

From S. L. Harris

I do not want to leave the presidency of Clarke College without expressing to all Mississippi Baptists my heartfelt thanks for the gracious hospitality and

strong support given me and the college during my tenure as chief administrator. All of you, from denominational leaders to members in the pews, have demonstrated in countless ways your interest, concern, and devotion to the cause of Christian higher education as sponsored by our Mississippi Baptist Convention. For this and your personal encouragement all along the way I shall be eternally grateful.

My prayer is that you will continue and increase your support of our Baptist schools. Private colleges everywhere are in jeopardy as the result of spiraling inflation and unwarranted federal government intervention. It is time for Mississippi Baptists to stand tall in their convictions regarding the value of Christian education, commit themselves more fully to its support, and undergird our four institutions with unceasing prayer. I leave with the earnest hope that you will respond fully to the challenge with your spiritual and material resources.

The circumstances which have cut short our stay in Mississippi cannot lessen our affection for those with whom we have been linked in service and fellowship. We carry with us indelible memories of some of God's choicest people. God bless you always.

S. L. Harris
President, Clarke College

Concern For Turkey

Dear Editor:
Recently I read with interest and much concern the article concerning the expulsion of Rev. J. F. Leeper from Turkey, where he has served for 12 years as pastor of the English-language church under appointment by Foreign Mission Board. I trust that by this time he has been re-assigned to another place of service.

While I was serving in the Armed Forces in Germany, Brother Leeper was pastor where my family and I were members. Not only was he a good pastor to us, but became our friend also. This friendship continues today. On their last furlough, it was our privilege to have them as guests in our home.

Knowing Brother Leeper as I do, I am assured that he would not be antagonistic to anyone to say nothing of his breaking government rules. If he had been properly informed by government authorities, he would still be serving in Turkey as he was trying to do. In every way I have found Brother Leeper to be one of the most conscientious and dedicated servants of the Lord.

We regret very much that the people in Turkey, especially the men in the Armed Forces, have lost his services but know that wherever he goes to serve, his life will bless others as he continues to bless ours.

Paul Boatner
Utica, Miss.

Guest Opinion . . . Church Laymen Have A Responsibility in Time of Crisis

by Kirby Tyrone, Prentiss

As inflation continues to gnaw at the heart strings of our economic system, undermining the very ability of retired, low-salaried, and poor people to maintain decent standards of living—far below that of the more affluent—it then becomes a responsibility of church leaders, as well as others, to lend a helping hand in securing a solution to the problem, and not just turn their heads aside as if they lacked in compassion.

Government officials and independent economists are, and have been, investigating and offering theories as to how the problem may be solved. Theories have been offered and they may eventually come up with the answer, but only time will tell.

But church leaders apparently know the country is approaching economic chaos, and unless remedies are immediately forthcoming, all may be lost. At the same time, church leaders possess an unlimited reservoir of talent that may and could be set in motion to rescue the country from the claws of evil forces that could entangle our society and hold it in desperation for ages to come.

It is suggested the church business and professional leaders restrict themselves by limiting their charges and live on less in order that the least fortunate have some of the better things of life. Grocers do not necessarily have to mark their prices up one or two cents the next day after hearing Walter Cronkite, or some other commentator, announce that the cost of living rose .8 percent last month. Medical doctors who charge \$10 or more for office calls could reduce that price and still make plenty of money. Medicines

could be marked down somewhat and then the pharmacist could make a goodly sum. Moreover, attorneys do not have to follow the leader in some other areas and raise the fees the next time you are in their offices. And, others could hold prices in line to the benefit of the fellow who earns less.

History reveals that in days gone by leaders failed to heed the cry of the weary and the result was the introduction of a system of government so alien and oppressive that there is seemingly no possible way out of the abyss in which they find themselves.

One day a kindly orthodox priest decided to lead an element of the oppressed on the Czar's Winter Palace, believing that such action would be receptive and earn a spot in the ruler's heart. But the result was an army greeting them and mowing them down as fast as they appeared. The Czar won the immediate skirmish, but Communists took up the cudgel, slaughtered the monarch and all his family, and inaugurated communism and all of its horrors as the national government. And that new system of power governs the land until this day, possibly making life more dreadful than ever.

Another and similar case was that which occurred in China. At the helm in the land ruled Chiang Kai-Shek, regarded by millions as an ideal leader. But the nation was in the throes of woe, equal to or worse than that which existed under the czar in Russia. Groanings of the people were evident everywhere, so widespread that Dr. Sun Yat Sen, brother-in-law of Chiang, appeared in the imperial court and made a plea for the downtrodden masses. Chiang denied the appeal, stating

that he must first make his empire strong and then he would get around to a remedial program for the poverty-stricken masses. That day never came. His (Chiang's) effort in building an empire was overthrown by Mao, who ruled for many years. And consequently no relief for the peasants under Chiang ever did come and it has not been accomplished under his Communist successors.

Church people, especially Christians, are we, too, going to let an opportunity slip by? May God help us if we do not get the true picture as painted in this story and do not try to do something about it!

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Mississippians Help Missionary In Nigeria's Bush Country

By Anne McWilliams
Poisonous puff adder for lunch? Not everybody would relish it, though some people say it's delicious. Three Mississippi men on mission in Africa tried it and at least one of them pronounced it "pretty good."

Payton Myers, missionary, ran over the snake with a Land Cruiser and then the wife of a student at Kaduna Baptist Pastors' School cooked it. It was the only snake the three men saw during their two weeks in Nigeria.

In response to an invitation from Myers, a pastor and two laymen went in late November to hold evangelistic and stewardship meetings in bush country churches. Walter Frederick, pastor of Siloam Church in Clay County, was accompanied by J. Clifford Watson of Ellisville, retired teacher, and Joseph C. Runnels of Pascagoula, semi-retired furniture dealer. Mrs. Frederick also went along.

Thirty services were held in 30 churches. There were 150 to 200 professions of faith, Frederick estimated, and 500 other decisions. Frederick preached and the laymen gave their testimonies. Since the churches used lanterns and not electricity, it was necessary to take along a portable generator so the men could show films.

Interpreters were graduates of the Baptist pastors' school, as well as headmasters of some of the local government schools.

Cliff Watson said that the taxi is the chief mode of travel on highways in the area, but the party traveled by Land-Cruiser to the churches, all of which were 20 or 30 miles from any highway. They followed the narrow trails over rocks and through the tall grass and forded the bridgeless streams. The church members came on foot or bicycle.

In one place where the Land Cruiser could not get across a railroad, the men carried equipment a quarter mile. In one difficult place a Nigerian transported the generator on his head to the church. When the vehicle got stuck in a mudhole, Watson said, men cut trees to form a yoke, and pulled as if they were oxen.

Runnels recalls the dust. It was dry season, he said, and dust was so bad at times planes couldn't land or take off. Though no cloud was in sight, they could not see the sun for the dust.

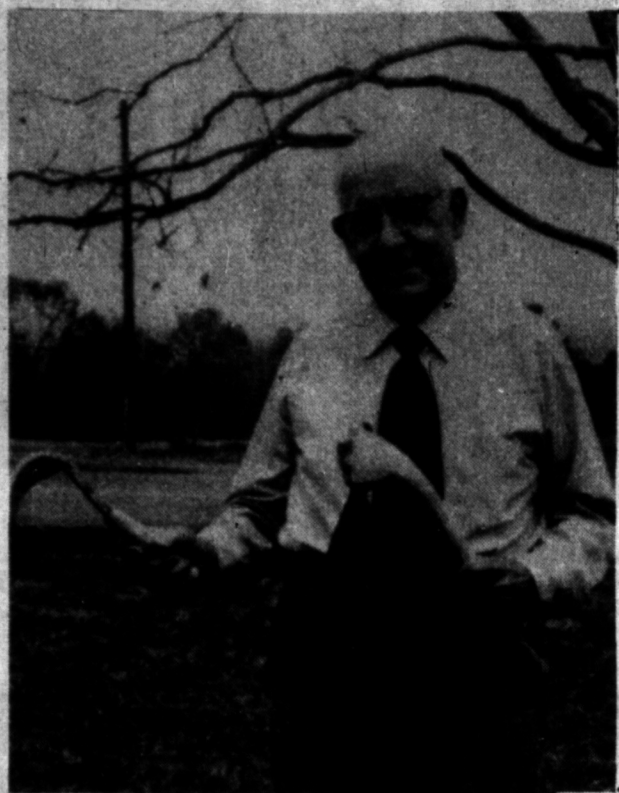
Attendance at the evangelistic services ranged in crowds from 50 to well over 300. Runnels said that in one church, no larger than 24 x 36 feet, he counted 233 people.

"People had been planning for our arrival," Watson said. "They were kind and courteous. The response in the services was good. Decisions numbered from none up to 129. One night, when more than 200 were present, there were 129 rededications and professions of faith."

In this service, he said, a woman, a Christian, confessed that she had been tempted to buy some juju gadgets from a man in the market who promised her they would improve her business. Now she realized her folly and wanted to say she was sorry she had let superstition rule. Later that night she brought the objects, packed in a coffee

tinued. The corn meal mush that the women made from the guinea corn he found to be "a little flat, like unseasoned oatmeal" and the meat, which might be beef, goat, chicken, monkey — or puffed adder — was seasoned with "lots of red pepper."

"A low table with bowls of food on it would be drawn up, and we would all



Clifford Watson of Ellisville demonstrates the scythe, with which Nigerian women cut grass and harvest rice, and the short handle hoe, primary farming implement of north Nigeria. Watson, along with Walter Frederick, pastor of Siloam Church, West Point, and J. C. Runnels of Pascagoula recently assisted Missionary Payton Myers in evangelistic meetings in Nigeria.

can. In the churchyard she built a fire and burned them.

Runnels was impressed with the dedication of the north Nigerian people, and with how much they do with the little they have. They can build a church for \$1,000 with the materials they have at hand — mud walls with grass or tin roofs.

"We saw people bring their tithes and offerings to the church," he said. "In addition to money these included grain, yams, and other produce. I saw them carry benches outside for Sunday School, and then bring them back inside."

Watson said he witnessed a baptismal service at Funtua in a little pond below a small dam built for foot travelers and motorcycles.

Slept in Churches
The evangelism team slept on foam rubber mattresses in the churches, in small mud hut villages of 200 to 1,000 people. The pad was placed on the floor or on two backless benches pushed together.

"Our bath tub was a zinc bucket filled with water — sometimes warm," Watson said. "Dippers were furnished for pouring water over ourselves."

"We ate in homes, usually of the pastor or a church leader," Watson con-

take balls of food from the bowls with our hands."

One meeting the men attended was an RA meeting in Kaduna. Though it was supposed to be for boys, all ages attended, Watson said, from women with babies strapped to their backs, on up to very old men.

Missionaries
Runnels observed that missionaries are the "most dedicated, hard working, happiest people" he has known. He said, "While there I met a pharmacist who dispensed drugs daily, a doctor who saw to the needs of the people and when complicated, carried them to the hospital, a maintenance man who kept things going at the school, a teacher who taught daily at the school, a preacher who preached almost every Sunday in bush churches or other places, an associational missionary for two associations with 40 or more churches. All of these are one person, Payton Myers. He and his lovely wife Helen are doing more for our Lord than anyone I know."

Frederick said he was most impressed with the responsiveness of the village people to the gospel, their hunger for hearing the Word preached. "You could see the church there at work" he said.

The men paid their own travel expenses.

Watson said, "Payton had been wanting me to come. I sort of put out the fleece and said, 'Lord, if you want me to go, let four of my cows bring enough for my ticket.' At a time when the price for cows was not too good they sold for more than enough. Then the RAs and other individuals at our church, First, Ellisville, spontaneously made contributions for this mission." (Another member of First, Ellisville went on volunteer mission last year, to Barbados.) Watson, a Jones County native, and long-time teacher in that county, was dean at Clarke College before his retirement.

Runnels also paid his way. Siloam Church paid travel expenses for Pastor and Mrs. Frederick. (Siloam Church also exceeded its Lottie Moon goal of \$1,001.)

Runnels and Watson stopped to visit Flora and Bob Holifield in Rome and Hal and Luann Lee in Nice, France. (Helen Myers and Luann Lee are nieces of Mrs. Cliff Watson.)

Runnels stated, "I wish we could realize the great need and what could be accomplished if we were faithful in our stewardship. If we were as concerned as people like Missionary Myers and worked as hard as he does, without concern for publicity, not caring who gets the credit, not bragging on what has been done, instead looking for more things to do, we would see the greatest change in the spiritual condition of the people in this beautiful world we are privileged to enjoy than there ever has been — people won to Jesus."

"There is something wrong when churches with 1,500 resident members, with budgets of \$400,000, only win 25 or 30 to the Lord in a year, and when after much additional expenditures for space and otherwise, have a decline in Sunday School and worship services. It seems that too often we are more concerned with the comfort of the saints than we are the salvation of the lost."

"Let us become concerned that our efforts, our tithes and offerings are used where they will accomplish the most for our Lord."

"It's not too late to add to our Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions."

McInnis Dies In Hattiesburg

Garland McInnis, unofficial city pastor in Hattiesburg since 1951, was fatally stricken by a heart attack Monday Afternoon, Jan. 8.

The 73-year old minister who was just last month named auxiliary deputy sheriff by Forrest County Sheriff Gene Walters, was visiting inmates at the regional jail complex when stricken.

McInnis, who lived in Petal, organized the Helping Hand Mission on South Main Street seven years ago and was pastor of Carterville Baptist Church in Petal from 1943-45. He established River Avenue Baptist Church (now Calvary) in 1945 and was pastor until 1951, when he became city pastor. He organized Storehouse for the Needy which he operated 20 years during the River Avenue pastorate.

During his first year as city pastor, McInnis organized Southside Baptist Church, of which he was pastor for nearly 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hazel McInnis; two sons, John Garland McInnis, Jr., of Pensacola, and David Allen McInnis of Hattiesburg; a daughter, Miriam McInnis of Jackson; and two brothers.

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength (Psalm 18:1). God is our strength and helper at all times. With reverence and love we worship Him. Each day we should express our love and reverence through praise unto Him, and our interest and concern in helping others who need His guidance. — Lena Scott Price

Missionaries Continue Work In Iranian Capital

TEHERAN, Iran (BP) — One Southern Baptist missionary family and a missionary journeyman plan to remain in the Iranian capital city of Teheran, even though the United States government is evacuating all non-essential personnel.

Henry E. Turlington said by telephone that his family and journeyman Michael Joe Sowder would remain in Teheran and continue with scheduled youth and church activities.

Other missionary personnel are already out of the country for various reasons. The James F. Kirkendalls are currently in India on a regular bus-

iness trip connected with his duties as the SBC Foreign Mission Board's field representative for South Asia.

The C. Kenneth Glenns are in Georgia. Mrs. Glenn and the three children came to the U.S. in November because of violence in the city of Ahwaz where they were stationed. Glenn joined them for the holiday period as a Christmas gift from the Ahwaz church where he is pastor.

Volunteer Hubert Williams, formerly stationed in Shiraz, also returned to the U.S. because of conditions in that area. He is in Arkansas.



Simpson Holds R. A. Tullios Day

Simpson Baptist Association honored R. A. Tullios Dec. 17, at Corinth Church. Tullios served Simpson Association as Director of Missions from 1962 to 1972. During his service the Association Center and director of missions' home were built.

Some of the program personalities included Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Billy Guest, host pastor and Tullios' pastor; H. Glen Schilling, present director of missions; and the Corinth Church Choir.

Mrs. Pat Calder, niece of Tullios, presented a "This is Your Life" program. She presented many people in Tullios' past, including O. P. Moore of Lake who was Tullios' high school teacher and helped direct him toward the ministry. Dr. Tullios' sister from Connecticut was a surprise guest. Above, seated, are R. A. Tullios and his wife and son. Standing are his brother and two sisters.



Christmas Mission To Florida

The College and Career group of 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, was on mission in a resort area, Orlando, Fla. out from Disney World, during Christmas vacation Dec. 30-Jan. 6. They conducted backyard Bible clubs, puppet shows, fellowships, and singing concerts. An added feature was the singing of "COUNT ON US," a musical for senior adults, at a campground for only this age group. Students on the mission were from University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey College. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rex Braswell, Lurline Tapley, and Jimmy McCaleb, music minister. James McLemore is pastor.

Foreign Mission Board Opens 94th Mission Field

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — A record 350 Southern Baptists became foreign missionaries in 1978 — a gain of 25 percent over last year.

The new mark in missionary additions was set Dec. 12 as the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board approved 23 persons for overseas service. Twenty-one of the December additions were new personnel, and two were reappointments. Four others were also reappointed, but do not count in the 1978 total since they were to begin serving Jan. 1, 1979.

The 1978 total set new records in three categories, including 181 career appointments, 36 missionary associates and 30 reappointments. The career total topped the previous record of 172 appointed in 1963.

Also included in the record total were 95 missionary journeymen, young college graduates commissioned for two years' service overseas, and eight special project workers, who

serve one to two years assisting in overseas medical work.

As of mid-December, the Foreign Mission Board has 2,914 missionary personnel assigned to 94 countries or territories around the world.

The 94th mission field, the Caribbean island of St. Martin in the Leeward Islands, was added with the transfer of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Banks from Guadeloupe to begin the new work.

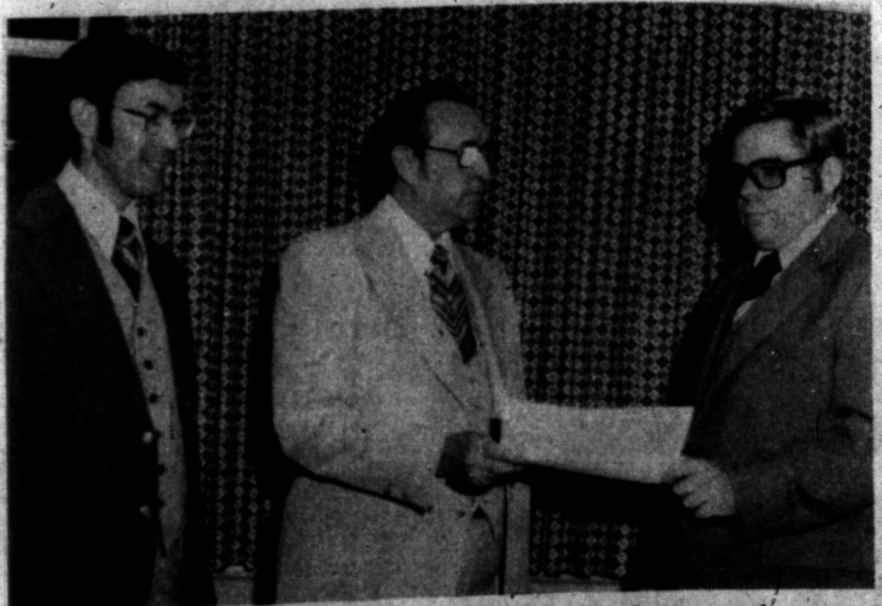
Another country, Burundi in eastern Africa, was to be added Jan. 1 when Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gann are transferred from Tanzania. The total number of mission fields will remain at 94, however, since the Seychelles will be dropped at that same time.

In other action, the board appropriated more than \$63,000 from hunger and relief funds to step up work with the growing numbers of refugees flooding into Thailand from Vietnam and Cambodia.

At the close of the December meeting, board president William L. Self, pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., stressed that "the day of volunteerism" is here in Southern Baptist life. He said 66 members of his church responded to an invitation Dec. 10 for mission service "inquirers" to consider short-term overseas commitments, and another 30 called the next day to say they were considering such a commitment.

Stating that he did not intend to negate the central role of the career missionary, Self said he feels that the "wave of the future" is in volunteer overseas service.

In addition to the 350 missionaries appointed this year, the board has sent out 191 long-term volunteers in 1978 to serve a year or more overseas — a 59 percent increase over last year. An additional 2,600 short-term volunteers filled assignments overseas.



Earns Distinguished Award

V. L. Stanfield, interim pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg (center) presents the Achievement Certificate from the Mississippi Church Training Department, to Robert Tuggle, church training director, while A. V. Windham, Jr., minister of education (left) looks on. The church training program at Temple has reached the education level in the Church Training Program Achievement Guide which is the Distinguished level in the Church Training Program Achievement Guide which is the third and final level of achievement. Out of 1,400 churches in the state who have third and final level of achievement only 95 received recognition last year. Temple is the third church in their association to receive the Distinguished award.



McComb Honors Wyatt Hunter

First Church of McComb recently recognized Wyatt R. Hunter for 40 years of service to the church and community. J. B. Fowler, Jr., pastor, presented Hunter with a framed Resolution of Appreciation. Hunter was pastor from 1939 to 1968 at First, McComb, and was named pastor emeritus upon his retirement. Since retirement he has continued to preach regularly and assist in ministering to the people of McComb and Pike County.

Bible Puzzle

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 - 13 "into the judgment" (John 18)
 - 14 Man (Gen. 46:16)
 - 15 Father of Heber (Luke 3:35)
 - 16 Arrow poison
 - 17 "devil, as a —" (1 Pet. 5)
 - 20 Tree (1 Chron. 22:4)
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 - 12 Nicholas, for one
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 - 19 Visit between whaler crews
 - 20 Nathanael's home (John 21:2)
 - 21 "from the house of —" (Amos 1)
 - 24 "a better —" (Heb. 6)
 - 25 Garland
 - 26 "— the afflicted" (1 Tim. 5)
 - 27 Erub: var.
 - 28 Hosea in the N. T. (Rom. 9:25)
 - 31 Light tan
 - 33 Money of account
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 - 36 Liquid globule
 - 37 Place (1 Chron. 5:26)
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Just For The Record



FIRST CHURCH, LOUISE, celebrated Miracle Month in December. Members held a note burning service Dec. 17 after final payment on indebtedness for renovation of the pastorium. Left to right are R. A. Moore, deacon; J. L. Rose, chairman of deacons; Mrs. Sally Jean Daniels, church treasurer; and Floyd Johnson, deacon. Bill McClellan, not pictured, is pastor.



NOXUBEE COUNTY ASSOCIATIONAL "M" NIGHT was held at First Church, Brooksville, on Nov. 27. The theme was "Experiencing Discipleship through Church Training." Each church was challenged to elect a Mr. and Ms. Church Training from which a Mr. and Ms. Noxubee County Church Training would be selected. Churches represented are front row, left to right: West Side, Mrs. Barbara Mordecai and Jessie Green, Jr.; Macon, First, Doyle Cummins and Mrs. Nona Boykin; Brooksville, Mrs. Margie Triplett and Dick Fulton (they were elected Mr. and Ms. Noxubee County Church Training based on attendance and efficiency); Shuqualak, Hattie Combs. Second row, host pastor, Jerry Zgarba; Diane and Tommy Winters, evangelists from Tupelo; and Hugh L. Poole, associational Church Training director.



THE SEVEN ROYAL AMBASSADORS OF SILVER CITY CHURCH collected cold drink bottles and sold them for a profit of \$201, which they gave to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Front row: Charles Bronson; second row, left to right: Grady Brooks, Jr., David Kisner, Eddie Outlaw; third row, Joey Outlaw, Jay Nesbit, John Kisner. Counselors are Wallace Outlaw, Clyde Carraway, pastor, and Grady Brooks.



Vernon Church (Noxubee) dedicated a new fellowship hall Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17, with lunch served in the Fellowship Hall followed by the dedication service. Clay Richards, Chairman of Deacons, led the invocation. Hugh Poole led the congregation in the Rite of Dedication; Jack Winscott brought the message of dedication; R. S. McCrory led the Prayer of Dedication. This small church with only 23 resident members has completed a work of love and owes less than \$1000 on this new Fellowship Hall.

Concord (Noxubee) had a large attendance to hear the Clarke College Singers Sunday evening, Dec. 10. Joy Haywood, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. H. O. Haywood is a member of this group.

Brooksville has elected Chris Brown a deacon. The reroofing of the education building was completed recently. Furniture that was made by B. S. Marler and given by him and Mrs. Marler is in the Prayer Room.

Shuqualak Children's Choir presented a program of Christmas music Sunday morning, Dec. 17. The Adult Choir presented the Cantata, "Love, Joy, Peace" Dec. 17. Youth of the church formed a living Christmas tree on the front lawn of the church, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 23. The film "Corry," a sequel to "The Hiding Place," was shown Dec. 31.

First Church Macon combined choirs under direction of Mrs. Ibby Morris presented a Christmas program Sunday evening, Dec. 17. "The Sounds of Joy" of Pensacola, Fla. will present a program of music Wednesday evening, Jan. 31.

Williamsville Church (Attala) began a radio ministry on Sunday, Dec. 24, on the FM radio station at WKOZ. The Christmas program was the first service to be presented in this ministry. Joe Blackwell is pastor.



NEW HOPE CHURCH, FOXWORTH (MARION) has presented a new Mercury Zephyr to BILLY R. WILLIAMS and his family in appreciation for four years as pastor of the church. Williams began his fifth year at New Hope the last Sunday in December.



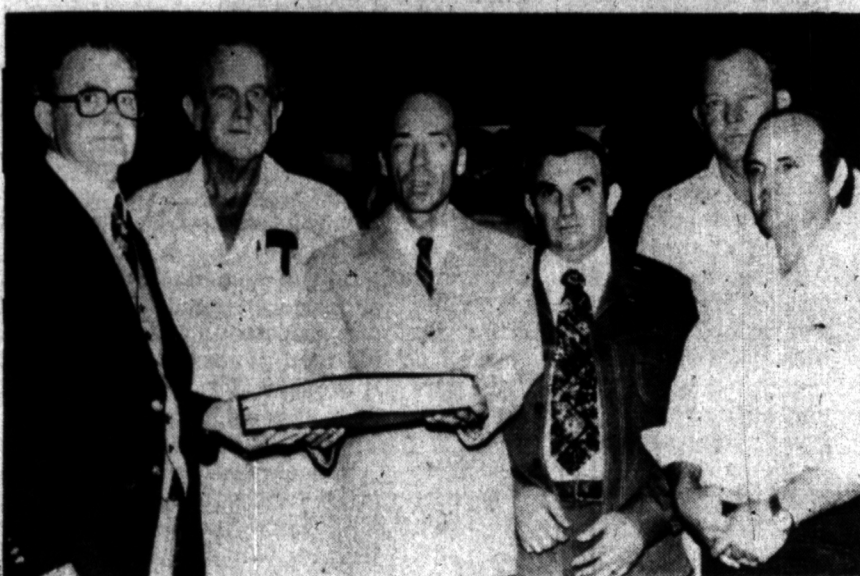
MACEDONIA CHURCH in Simpson County on Dec. 3 honored HOWARD McLEMORE and Mrs. McLemore for their six years as pastor and music director. Glen Schilling, Simpson County associational missionary, brought the message, a "This Is Your Life" program was presented; a school friend of McLemore was surprise guest, and "Our Tribute" was sung as special music. Sonny Womack presented the McLemores with a bound book of letters written by members of the church. Dinner on the ground was served.

Holmes J. C. Holy Land Tour Is March 8-17

This semester at Holmes Junior College the students of the Baptist Student Union have planned a tour of the Holy Land. Ray Bridges, the BSU director and Bible teacher at HJC, has set the tour with the school for three hours college credit. They will be going to the Holy Land, Athens, and Corinth. Brochures are available by writing Holmes Jr. College, P. O. Box 236, Goodman, Miss.



Fifth grade Girls in Action at Morrison Heights Church in Clinton decorated coffee cans, filled them with candy, and personally delivered them as Christmas gifts to residents of Care Inn in Clinton. Girls who helped were Michele Hand, Casey Carrington, Jana Gunn, Ashlyn Rowe, Jana Dilmore, Cam Kelly, and Cindy Conerly. Mrs. Ramona Hill, top left, is the group's leader.



CALVARY CHURCH, YALOBUSHA COUNTY, presented a Braille Bible to Daniel Chandler on Dec. 3. Chandler, Sunday School director at the church, has been blind for several years. Left to right are William Hodge, pastor, and deacons, Darrell Koonce, Chandler, Earl Byford, Charles Calder, and John C. Byford.



BETHEL CHURCH (JONES) recently held a note burning service to celebrate payment in full of the final bank note on the church fellowship hall, and complete retirement of all outstanding church debts. The fellowship hall is also used for recreational and Sunday School purposes. Left to right: Danny Stringer, pastor; Donald Gatlin, deacon; Estes Yarber, deacon; Bill Windham, trustee; Wayne Windham, deacon; Freddie Ball, contractor; George Williams, treasurer.

Recreation Week Will Feature Chester Swor

NASHVILLE — Chester Swor, Mississippian, known as friend, counselor and guide to youth, will be the worship leader during the church recreation week, June 2-8, at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Dan Yeary, pastor at University Baptist Church, Coral Gables, Fla., is the youth Bible leader, and Felix

Haynes Jr., pastor at First Baptist Church, St. Simons Island, Ga., is the adult Bible leader. Jim Stanton, church recreation department, is the music leader.

Reservations should be made through the conference center beginning Feb. 1, 1979.



Students Honor Retiring Professors

A retirement banquet was given by students of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for retiring professors and registrar. Along with testimonials by those who have worked closely with each of the men, the professors were given golden Elgin pocketwatches, inscribed with the date and purpose of the occasion. Included in the photograph are: L-R: Dr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Delaughter, Dr. and Mrs. George C. Herndon, Dr. and Mrs. Harold L. Rutledge, Dr. and Mrs. James C. Taylor.

Monticello Exceeds Goal

By Lynn Lofton

Monticello Church members gave the largest amount in the history of the church to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. The total amount given as of noon Tuesday, Jan. 2, was \$6,214.64 which exceeded the goal of \$5000. This goal doubled last year's goal.

A strong emphasis was placed on this mission offering by the Monticello members throughout the month of December. The first week of the month was set aside as a week-of-prayer, ending with Bold Missions Day December 10.

Bold Missions Day revolved around the children's sermon at which time children brought and dumped into a huge fishbowl jars of coins saved throughout the year.

Also, representatives of the youth department brought containers of funds raised through pledges of one week's allowance by young people. At the close of this service \$4,715 had been collected toward the \$5,000 goal.

Led by Youth Director Tim Rayborn, young people observed a missions worship service and all night prayer chain for missionaries at the activities building.

Other church groups placed special emphasis on missions too, with Pastor Kenneth Roberts leading the effort as he urged members to allot one dollar per week during the year for the Lottie Moon Offering.

Pleasant Ridge Gives \$675

Pleasant Ridge Church, Woodland, has surpassed its Lottie Moon Offering goal of \$675 and by Dec. 28 had given \$675.

Lamar Crocker, pastor, said that this was done after three weeks of intensive promotion through prayer and mission education. He added, "I would like for others to see how God is using my people in the Anchor community."

Furrs Reaches Lottie Moon Goal

Furrs Church reached its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal of \$1,500. Mrs. Clara Jagers is W.M.U. director, and Mrs. Betty Hudson is Mission Support Chairman. The pastor is Joe Epting.

Kreole Goes Over

Kreole Avenue Church, Moss Point, reached its Lottie Moon Offering goal of \$1,000 in just two weeks. Maxine Clay has reported that the church went over the goal on Sunday, Dec. 17.

Seminary Announces December Graduates

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Three students from Mississippi received degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here during the school's December 22 graduation ceremony.

Warren Curtis Hultgren, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma addressed the more than 260 members of the seminary's fall graduation class.

Graduates from Mississippi included: Master of Divinity: Vinson B. Breland, Pascagoula; Jimmy Dale Porter, Philadelphia; Master of Church Music: Elise P. Waters, Ocean Springs.



WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF FIRST CHURCH, SENATOBIA, has completed two projects within recent weeks. The women presented a piano to the Senatobia Convalescent Center (top photo), and held a Centennial Tea honoring Mission Friends, RA's, GA's, and Acteens (bottom photo). John W. Flowers is the pastor.

Names In The News . . .

Journeyman Deadline Set For Mid-January

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Buddy Mathis will preach at Pass Road Church, 208 Pass Road, Gulfport, on Jan. 14, at the 11 a.m. worship service. Mathis, a native of Mississippi, is a musician as well as a speaker. He has preached in many revivals, youth meetings and Bible conferences and has also produced two long playing albums. Kathy Colvin of Baker, La. will be with him at Pass Road as soloist and pianist. Richard Edwards is pastor.

James Messer will teach the book of Mark at the Bowmar Avenue Church in Vicksburg, Jan. 14-17. Harold Jordan, pastor, announced that there would be Bible study for all ages. He states "Messer is an outstanding Bible preacher and is available for Bible conferences, revivals, supply and pastorate. He is making his home at the present time in Vicksburg."

Danny Lafferty has resigned as pastor of Mt. Horeb Church, Meridian to enter full time evangelism. A graduate of Mississippi College, he has served two of his three pastorates in Mississippi. In Meridian his church led Lauderdale Association in baptisms for the last fiscal year. Lafferty, his wife Linda, and their three children will be making their home in Ocean Springs. He may be contacted for revivals, youth meetings, or special occasions by writing P. O. Box 485, Pascagoula, Ms. 39567, or calling (601) 875-3281.

Dick Houston Hall, Jr., retired Baptist minister of Gainesville, Ga., was buried Dec. 28, 1978, at New Albany Cemetery. W. F. Evans and J. P. Kirkland, Jr. officiated at the graveside service.

Funeral services were held Dec. 19 in Gainesville at First Baptist Church. He was pastor for 25 years of First Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga., before retirement and was pastor emeritus of that church. Hall, 80, died Dec. 16 in a Gainesville hospital, while convalescing from a heart attack. On November 29, the night he was stricken, he had conducted prayer meeting in Winder, Ga., 25 miles from his home. A native of New Albany, he was son of Dick H. Hall and Corrie Marmon Hall, one of the area's pioneer families.

Hall graduated from Mississippi College. After serving two years in the Marines during World War I, he earned a Doctor of Theology degree from Southern Seminary in Louisville.



TWO FROM JONES COUNTY churches were selected on "M" Night as "Little Miss 'M' Night" for 1978. Representing the churches with less than 100 enrolled in Church Training was CASSIE DANIELS, left, of the Grace Church, with 116% enrollment present. She is pictured with her pastor, MAC PARKER. Representing the churches with more than 100 enrolled in Church Training was Beth Tolbert, right, of Park Haven Church with 29.8% enrollment present. She is pictured with her pastor, Steve Pouncey. The total attendance this year was 812. West Laurel Baptist Church had the largest number with 55 percent, and running a close second was Highland Church with 52.

Ky. He also received an honorary Doctorate from Mississippi College in 1962.

Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Felix E. Montgomery has been named career guidance consultant in the church administration department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Montgomery, a native of Alabama, moves to the board from Lakeview Baptist Church, Auburn, Ala., where he has served as pastor for the past five years.

Bill Causey, newly elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson, is teaching the Life and Work Sunday School Lesson Previews for Video Dynamics, a Jackson based media production house. He does a 15-minute taped preview of each lesson in the January - March quarter for use in local churches.

To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge. — Disraeli — Sybil

He who knows others is learned; He who knows himself is wise. — Lao-Tsze



Michael E. Jones, 29, has become associate editor of The Christian Index, state newspaper for the Georgia Baptist Convention. He succeeds W. D. (Dub) Joiner, who has become editor of "The Metter (Ga.) Advertiser." Before joining The Christian Index, editor by Jack U. Harwell, Jones spent six years as a cartographer with the mapping and graphics section of the Georgia Department of Transportation, where he also edited an employee publication. A graduate of Georgia State University with a degree in advertising art and journalism. Jones worked as an obit/classified advertising clerk with the Atlanta Journal and Constitution while attending school.

Richard (Rick) Harris has been ordained to the gospel ministry by Belhaven Church, Ocean Springs, where he has accepted the position as associate pastor and minister of outreach. A senior at William Carey College on the Gulf Coast, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Harris of Ocean Springs. He is married to the former Florence Davis of Van Cleave and they have a daughter, Jennifer.



Harris

RICHMOND, Va. — The deadline to apply for the 1979-81 term of the missionary journeyman program of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board is Jan. 15.

Southern Baptist missions (organizations of missionaries) in countries around the world have asked for more than 145 journeymen in 1979 to fill such jobs as teaching and youth work.

Journeymen are college graduates, age 26 and under, who do not feel led to career mission service overseas, but who would like to apply their training and talents to critical needs abroad before pursuing careers in the United States.

Stanley A. Nelson, who directs the selection and training of journeymen for the board, says applications began declining in 1977. Elementary teaching positions are almost always filled,

but several other openings may be left empty.

Requests for agriculturalists, prompted by Southern Baptists' increased emphasis on agricultural missions, are among those difficult to fill. He predicts that related positions in food production, fish farming and village health and nutrition in Bangladesh may also draw few applicants.

Other positions traditionally difficult to fill are secretarial jobs and positions requiring special skills, such as that for a recording specialist in Venezuela and a German teacher in the Philippines.

Applications and a list of openings are available from the missionary personnel department, Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230.

9,000 Professions Of Faith

Mississippi Pastors Preach In Philippines

Eugene H. Dobbs, First Church, Philadelphia, James Hickman, Unity Church, Piquette, James McLeone, 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg; David Millican, South McComb Church, McComb; and Roy Myers, Mt. Zion Church, Independence, were among members of a team that recently conducted simultaneous evangelistic crusades throughout the island of Mindanao, Philippines.

These crusades were sponsored by the Mindanao Convention of Southern Baptist Churches and coordinated by the Gene Williams Evangelistic Association.

Approximately 120 crusades were led by 56 pastors and evangelists from the States. More than 9,000 persons made public professions of faith and more than 8,000 registered other decisions.

New Episodes Upcoming For 'Greatest Heroes' Series

NEW YORK (RNS) — Seven new dramatizations of Bible stories are being filmed for NDC-TV as a follow-up to its recent mini-series, "Greatest Heroes of the Bible," telecast during National Bible Week (Nov. 19-22).

The first episode of the new series, "Jacob's Dream," is now being filmed near Page, Ariz. Barry Williams stars as Jacob, June Lockhart portrays Rebekah, Peter Fox plays Esau, and Stephen Elliott portrays Isaac.

Other stories being developed for the new series are "The Tower of Babel,"

"Sodom and Gomorrah," "Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar," "Story of Ruth," "Abraham," "Adam and Eve," and "Cain and Abel."

The series is produced by Schick Sun Classic Productions in association with NBC Entertainment. Jack Hively is directing from Norman Lessing scripts.

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Staff Changes

First Church, Jackson, has called Schuyler Batson as associate pastor. Batson, a native Mississippian, has been pastor of Emmanuel Church, Alexandria, La. for 13 years. Previously, from 1956 to 1958, he was assistant pastor of First Church, Jackson, serving with Pastor Douglas Hudgins.

Later he was pastor at First, Oxford and First, Biloxi. He has served as vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Convention Board. In Louisiana, he has served on the state Baptist Executive Committee also. He is trustee of Louisiana College and Southern Seminary.

Batson was born in Hillsdale, Miss., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Batson. He is a graduate of Gulfport High School and Vanderbilt University and holds a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Seminary.

He is married to the former Lucille Grogan of Clinton. They have five children.

expansion. Mission giving was raised by over \$5000.00, and 128 new members were added to the church. Hamilton attended Marion Academy, and Clarke and Blue Mountain Colleges. He is married to the former Dean Weeks of Beaverton, Ala. They have two children, Tammy, 11, and Jennifer, 4.

Barry Massey is the new pastor of Calvary Church, Noxubee County.

Lee Castle has been called as pastor of the Yockanook Church, Attala County. A native of Louisville, he is a student at the New Orleans Seminary. Castle, his wife, and their two daughters will move on the church field in May, 1979.

The church is a building and loan association to help folks build mansions in heaven.

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ALLEN PARNELL, Clarke College director of admissions and financial aid (left) has presented an award letter to Paul Stupka (right) of Bentonia. Stupka has been selected to receive the John F. and Mattie Carter Scholarship at Clarke. The Carters (back) were present when the award letter was presented. The scholarship, set up by the Carters' sons and their wives, is an annual award given to a second semester freshman preparing for the ministry or some other field of vocational Christian service. The recipient is chosen by a faculty committee on recommendation of the Bible faculty at Clarke. Carter, now in his 90th year, continues to be interested in Clarke students and still influences them by his life and by the use of two of his books in courses taught at the college.

Missionary News . . .

Richard and Martha Beal, missionaries to Venezuela, have arrived in Costa Rica for language study (address: Apartado 100, SN FCO de 2 Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica). The former Martha Lyle of Mississippi, she was born in Laurel and lived in Natchez.

William and Judy Davis, missionaries to Bolivia, have arrived in Costa Rica for language study (address: Apartado 100, SN FCO de 2 Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica). He was born in Hammond, La., and grew up in Newton and Clinton, Miss., and Red Springs and Cary, N. C. The former Judy Smith of Mississippi, she was born in Vicksburg and lived near Eupora while growing up.

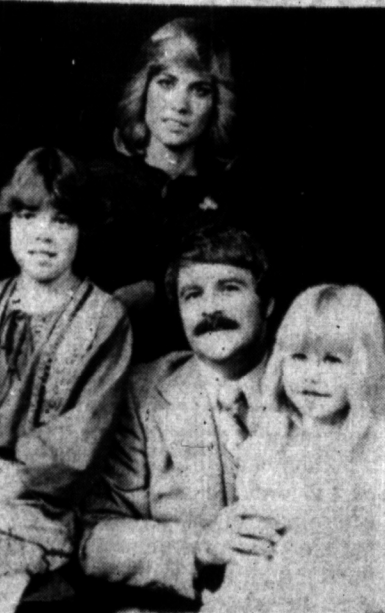
Russell and Annette Herrington, missionaries to Costa Rica, have completed furlough and returned to the

field (address: Apartado 1883, San Jose, Costa Rica). A native of Mississippi, he finished high school in Goodman.

Glenn and Polly Morris, missionaries to Thailand, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 3200 Raleigh, Apt. C, Dallas, Texas 75219). She is the former Polly Love of Hattiesburg.

Karl and Peggy Wallace, missionaries to Peru, have arrived in Costa Rica for language study (address: Apartado 100, SN FCO de 2 Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica). They are natives of Mississippi.

J. D. and Ethel Batson, missionaries to Brazil, have arrived in the States (address: Rt. 2, Box 36, Wiggins, Miss. 39577). He is from Wiggins, and she is the former Ethel Thatcher of Fruitland Park.



Roy Lee Hamilton has accepted the pastorate of Ashland Church at Ashland. He had served at Jericho Church for eight years. Under his leadership, Jericho added a children's church, tape ministry, three youth choirs, and a pastorium, remodeled the auditorium, and bought land for future

Seven Mississippians Get Degrees In Fort Worth

Seven students from Mississippi received degrees during the winter commencement exercises of Southwestern Seminary held at Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, Dec. 14. Seminary President

Russell H. Dilday presented degrees and diplomas to 275 candidates from the seminary's three schools.

Mississippians were: Merle Ellsworth Zophy, Ellisville, MRE; Wade Allen,

layman, MRE; Sandra Elise Bruce, Tupelo MRE; Carlton Campbell, Natchez, MRE; Susan Myron Clark, Jackson, MRE; Jo Anice Dobbs, Baldwin, MM; Tony Prescott, Magnolia, MCM.

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91-Year-Old — "A Woman Becoming Full Of Faith"

By Wilda Fancher

"See my little 91-year-old lady?" I said to James and held her picture up for him to see while he put another minnow on my rod and reel. I had to write and he had to fish, so we combined the two and I had a chair on the bank of the pond with three rods stuck in the mud for me to monitor while writing. James and his cane poles paddled their way to the middle of the pond.

"Isn't she cute?" he expressed a sincere opinion in a question.

I thought of the two words we had used in connection with Mrs. Dessie Evans, the lady who has been alive longer than any other who attended the Baptist Women Retreat at Garaywa in September: mine and cute. Somehow Mrs. Evans really is mine — she quickly belonged to me during the day-and-a-half I saw and talked with her at Garaywa and in the time since, when I have asked questions of others about her, read answers she wrote herself, and thought about her and looked at her picture. She and all that she has become are a part of me now. Maybe I'll become more because of her.

And cute. She really has all those characteristics which make up cute — a quick smile, sparkling eyes, pertness of carriage, immediate responsiveness, and a pretty face.

During a fellowship time at the Retreat when I was finding out who was "the most this-that-and-the-other" present, when I asked if anyone were a hundred years old, the couple of hundred women present kinda' hooted. Marjean raised her hand and wanted to know if we were counting how old we felt. But I knew there was a lady from Coffeetown in the group who was over 90, so I came on down to the years of Mrs. Evans' life.

"I can't believe it."

"Me, either."

Sentences like this came from ladies wherever they saw her the rest of the retreat. But there she was, big as life, and sure 'nough past 90. How do you grow older so gracefully, I wondered. What's put together in a life to bring a lady so beautifully to this age? Everything must have been perfect for her, I a bit grudgingly observed. So I thought, Aha! here's our first feature article for alongside. Anne McWilliams was there with the Baptist Record camera and graciously made the picture for us.

So began my quest for a good feature



Dessie Evans

article, which every successful paper must have, but at the end of my quest, what I found was an experience in faith — for I found that's what Mrs. Evans' 91 years have been put together with — the cement of faith.

What did she put together with faith? Here's what I heard in things she said.

ROOTS — I was born ten miles east of Coffeetown. I lived in this home 24 years. **TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES** — I attended one-teacher schools, taught in a one-room schoolhouse. We had some excellent teachers and I really mastered the eight grades of elementary school, which was a basic foundation of my further endeavor of learning. (One of my best teachers was Miss Tyna Pate — later the wife of Dr. R. B. Gunter.)

38th Avenue

Buys Handbells

38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, has bought a 3-octave set of Malmark Handbells, given by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Speed (both now deceased), Mr. and Mrs. James Weeks, and Dr. and Mrs. Roy Moore.

The dedication service was Sunday night, Dec. 10, 1978, during the presentation of the Youth Choir's Christmas music. Jimmy McCaleb is minister of music and youth. James McLemore is pastor.

I acquired a high school education and passed the examination for teacher's license; then we were not required to have a college degree — although I read some college textbooks at home. I taught ten years in the area around my home. **FAMILY** — I got married December 27, 1911, and lived in Pine Valley 12 years. **WISDOM TO MAKE NEW OPPORTUNITIES** — we moved to Coffeetown so our seven year old son could attend a Baptist church. **OBEEDIENCE** — his father and I were faithful church members and wanted our son to be taught and trained to know the Lord as Savior. He was baptized at the age of 12 years. **SORROW** — before my son finished medical school, a terrible tragedy happened in our family which took the life of my husband — I was so grieved and broken — hearted almost to the extent of crying out, "My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?" — yes, as written in Psalm 73:2 and 17 — "But as for me, my feet were almost gone; and my steps were well nigh slipped, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood their end."

DESPERATION TURNED TO FAITH — a new door was opened to me and I found new strength and faith in God. His grace is sufficient, always. **WORK** — besides teaching I worked in Yalobusha County as deputy tax assessor. Also, during my widowhood I've been companion to some elderly ladies and have always admired and enjoyed being associated with them. **PERSEVERANCE** — one of my most embarrassing experiences happened when I was about ten years old. In our little school we had spelling contests. My father offered to buy me a "little calico dress" if I stood at the head of my class for three weeks. I was going fine until the very last day I missed a word. I was so embarrassed, but it taught me a great lesson — I found I could not "win them all," try again. **CARE OF HER BODY** — I have refrained from over-eating and from eating too rich foods. I think if we obey laws and health care for our bodies, Mother Nature cooperates and is a great healer. Of course, there are times we need medical help. I have never used sleeping pills and very few pills for pain — only aspirin at times — I've never been in a hospital — not boasting — just thankful. **HAPPINESS** — my happiest experiences were accepting Jesus as my Savior and baptism. getting married to a

Christian husband and both of us being active in the Baptist church many happy years — and last but not least the birth of my baby son — and kissing him on the brow and asking God to bless and use him for the glory of God.

THE LORD'S WORK — I taught Sunday School classes for a number of years, worked in WMU work more years than I can enumerate just now. In one church I helped in VBS, both white and black.

Her advice? She replied, "As to advice, when one gets too old to set a bad example, he starts giving advice."

But she added: One thing needful in our lives today is to give priority to most important things. Take time to live and not just exist — remember "haste makes waste." My pet peeve is "hurry, hurry." Be still and know God — time for prayer and family devotion in home life. The family is our oldest institution; let's be loyal to it ever and always.

And here's what I heard in things others said about her, especially Donnie Stewart, her pastor, and his wife, Anona: she's genuine, kind, helpful, and active... she loves her Bible and has read through it several times... her favorite activity in church is listening to sermons.

My conclusion? Gratitude to the Lord and Miss Dessie that, though everything has not been perfect for her, the two of them fashioned her life into something for all of us to see and remember while we head for 100. And it won't surprise me if she sleeps on a top bunk at Garaywa next time!

Thank you, Mrs. Evans, for a glimpse at a woman becoming full of faith.

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Nashville — Two Daycare - Kindergarten seminars will be offered in the church program training center at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here in March 1979. Advanced WEE (Weekday Early Education) Seminar is planned March 12-16. Content will include Math Made Fun for the Young Child, Movement Education for Young Children and Management Skills. Management of Weekday Ministry will be held March 26-30, to offer practical helps in beginning and operating a Daycare, Kindergarten, Nursery School or Mother's Day Out program.



By Clarence H. Cutrell, Consultant

Stewardship Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

There is a disease in our land which has reached epidemic proportions. It threatens the life of this nation, indeed of the world. Our churches, perhaps more than any other institution, are experiencing its debilitating effects. Yet most

people are blissfully unaware of the fact that they are its victims, and often upon learning of their infection are not eager to be rid of it. Many seem quite willing to let it course unchecked through their veins, to run amok in society, a raving maniac with a "tommy-gun" in his hand. Every person is exposed to it and, in varying degrees, has succumbed to it.

Its symptoms are high fever, hyperactivity, extreme sensitivity of heart. It manifests itself in society in the liquor traffic, illicit drugs, prostitution, gambling casinos, race tracks, the crime syndicate, give-away TV programs, runaway inflation, greed and corruption at every level of government, fraud, dishonesty, shoddy products, poor workmanship, 300,000 family bankruptcies annually — the list is endless.

What is philarguria? Paul uses the word in I Timothy 6:10 where he calls it "the root of all evil." So, what we are talking about is the love of money. There is only one remedy. It is simple and available in unlimited quantity, a resource never-failing for those who can believe. Only the Great Physician can prescribe it, provide it, and administer it. This remedy is the grace of God.

To receive the benefit of it three things are necessary.

(1) We must practice trusting God more than gold. Do we think for one moment that our puny arm is more reliable than the mighty arm of God or that our concern for the good of our families can ever equal that of our Heavenly Father? Trust, to be true, cannot be based on what we did last year but upon the sure promises of God for all of our tomorrows.

(2) We must exercise control over our desires to the extent that we want the riches of grace more than the goods of the world. More goods are available and readily accessible to more people than ever before in history. We are daily bombarded with a multi-million dollar program of advertisement to convince us that the possession of these goods is an absolute necessity to our well-being. But in the midst of our mad scramble for these things, the avid study of the Word is sadly declining.

(3) Our diet must consist of a hunger and thirst after godliness rather than the insatiable and unquenchable passions of godlessness. "We are not to be conformed to this world. We are to be transformed by the renewing of (our) minds."

You can accomplish these things and thus defeat this deadly disease in your heart if you will read His Word daily, pray believing, commit your life to His great cause, and begin to experience the deep satisfaction and peace of mind which flow from His grace.

Church Training Program Attracts 1/3 Of Church

Athens Baptist Church in Simpson Association recently began a Church Training program. Reminiscent of the early beginnings of the BYPU movement, Shirley Cothern who serves as director writes, "We have a very good number of young people in our church and it was with these people in mind that we began our Church Training Program." The pastor is J. L. Layton.

In a church that has a membership of about 125 with a Sunday School attendance averaging 50, they have been recording attendances around 41 in Church Training since beginning four training groups.

They had not had evening services prior to beginning Church Training.

This church claimed the Sunday School Board's offer of the first quarter's literature free upon beginning a new Church Training Program.

They received two special awards at "M" Night. One was for being the newest Church Training program in the association and the second was for having the largest percentage of their Church Training enrollment present.

Nashville — A Christian School Management Seminar for workers in grades 1-12 will be offered Feb. 9-23 in the church program training center at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Scooba Gives \$20,000 On Building Within 30 Days

Scooba Church (Kemper County) had a special building fund drive Oct. 15-Nov. 15, 1978. An anonymous giver challenged the church by pledging to match "Dollar For Dollar" gifts given to retire indebtedness on the education

parable. A small engine that used to run on the C & G often looked longingly at the animals in the pastures. They were free to wander where they pleased, while he was confined to those two narrow tracks. He wanted his freedom.

One day the workmen took the engine off the track and set him up in a pretty green meadow — in Propst Park, Columbus, Mississippi. The engine is no longer held captive by the tracks. He has the freedom he wanted.

For these many years he has remained exactly where the workmen put him — for, unfortunately, he cannot move.

Just as true freedom for the train meant staying on track, man was meant to obey the will of God. To do so means freedom and fulfillment, while rejecting God's will leads to decay and disappointment.

building, now two years old.

The building, dedicated Nov. 7, 1976, on the church's 90th anniversary, provides space for pre-school, children, and youth departments plus fellowship hall, kitchen, conference room, and restrooms.

The gifts were totaled November 15th and \$10,000 had been given to be matched with another \$10,000.

A 2' x 4' \$20,000 check was presented by the education building committee to Wayne Hailey, bank manager for Scooba M&F Bank.

Only about \$3,000 debt remains. J. G. Winscott is the pastor.

Life and Work Lesson

The Sins Of Men Without God

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Romans 1:18-21, 24-25, 28-32

The most naive person in town these days must be the guy who still believes in the innate goodness of man. After the Jonestown massacre, we are daily being treated to scenes of Asian refugees in overcrowded boats, being raped, robbed, and abandoned.

We must, absolutely must, come to a biblical understanding of the condition of modern man. Man is naturally anti-God and pro-himself.

Jesus said to the disciples, "Before this night is over, one of you will betray me." We would expect that they turned to the sneaky-looking fellow down at the end of the table and picked Judas out as most likely to deceive. But they didn't. Surprisingly, the Bible says each one of the disciples looked at Jesus and asked, "Lord, is it I?" They knew what we must learn — all men are sinners and are capable of any sin.

The natural state of unregenerate man is described in two words found in Romans 1:18 — ungodly and unrighteous. In the passages that follow, we see how aptly these words portray man's depravity.

Ungodliness (1:18-21)

Man has rejected God and installed himself as Supreme Being. Someone has pointed out that God created man in His own image, so man returned the compliment.

Revelations of God. Paul mentions three revelations of God to man. The righteousness of God is revealed in the Gospel (back in verse 17), the wrath of God is revealed in His judgment (verse 18), and the reality of God in His creation (verses 19-20).

No one has an excuse for not believing in God. The Creator has left His trademark. His name and address, so to speak, all over His handiwork. He has left some light in the world. If one is to receive further light, he must follow that which he has.

Rejection of God. However, man refused to walk by the light God furnished. He refused to honor and worship the Creator. Furthermore, he would not even acknowledge God as the source of earth's good gifts.

He rejected the most basic of all commitments — the belief that the world was made by a good God. Turning his back on the light he had, he would not be given further light.

Result of that rejection. When man rejects the truth, he has nothing left. And that's exactly what began to occupy his mind — vanity, nothingness. Since his mind was dark (he refused the light, you remember), he became a fool (verse 22).

This reminds us of God's verdict on Israel found in Jeremiah 2:13. "My people have committed two evils," He said. "They have rejected me, the fountain of living waters. And they have hewed out for themselves broken cisterns that can hold no water." That process is constantly being repeated today.

Man needs a Saviour. However, if he rejects the True and Only Saviour, he becomes fair game to every ungodly scheme in the universe. This is how we understand the Jim Jones and Idi Amin's of our world.

Unrighteousness (1:24-25, 28-32) All the ugly deeds that Paul lists in this chapter stem from the root of ungodliness. As Harper Shannon says, "Man is ungodly before he becomes unrighteous."

As a result of man's rejection of God (that is, man's ungodliness), God "gave them up." The idea is simply that God gave man his freedom: "If that's the way you want it, go to it."

C. S. Lewis explained it this way in **The Problem of Pain**: "They enjoy forever the horrible freedom they have demanded and are therefore forever submitting to obedience, become through all eternity more and more free."

When God gave man up, it was to further rebellion. The consequence of sin is more sin. Deeper and deeper man falls. One may even reach the point where he loves sin and it appears to him as good.

Man headed in four directions when God turned him loose. (1) Toward his lusts or uncontrolled desires; (2) toward perversion — homosexuality is the result of ungodliness in our society; (3) toward the lie, which is idolatry — still very much with us, although somewhat refined; and (4) toward a reprobate or depraved mind.

The result of a reprobate mind is that awful list of 21 sins found here. Interestingly, in the midst of this despicable lineup we find this one, "disobedient to parents." What's that doing here, we wonder. It's a sin to be

sure, but much more respectable than those others.

That ought to be further evidence of our depravity — that we categorize sins. Slander is bad, disobedience to parents is quite tame. However, Paul mentions this as one of the conditions of men in the last times (II Timothy 3:2). It is a further sign of an ungodly society rushing headlong toward perdition.

Let me put it in the form of a modern

By Larry Kennedy, First, Laurel Philippians 3:12-16; I John 4:13-21

Several months ago one of the TV networks presented a drama concerning a middle-aged woman who decided to run in the Boston Marathon. In preparation for the gruelling event, she ran at night for many hours. Everywhere she practiced, people made fun of her efforts. Her former husband and two daughters thought she had lost her senses, and they attempted to discourage her from making the run; however, she was determined to run in the marathon.

On the day of the great event she joined thousands of others for the famous 26 mile run, and to the surprise of everyone, she came within a hundred yards of the finish line. It was at this point that she collapsed from sheer exhaustion. Her former husband, daughters, and skeptical friends stood at the finish line shouting at her to get up and finish the race. For a few moments it appeared that she was finished, but slowly she got to her feet and painfully limped across the finish line.

Many times in the New Testament the apostle Paul compared the Christian life to a race. To him the believer was like a great runner who dares to believe that with God's help he can run a race for the glory of God. For Paul the goal of the Christian runner was Christ-likeness, and in these verses

Uniform Lesson Growing Up In Christ

God tells us three things a Christian must do if he is to become more like his Lord.

I. Forgetting the Past

Paul said, "Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal..." (Phil. 3:13-14). When Paul used the word "forget" he did not mean that he could literally forget all the events of his past. The human brain is like a gigantic tape recorder where all our experiences are recorded forever. It is impossible to erase the tape; however, a person can with God's help put the past to rest. We can come to the place where past events are not allowed to hamper our present activity, and I think that is what Paul meant when he used the expression "forgetting."

No doubt Paul had to put to rest the experience of stoning Stephen. The record in the book of Acts reveals that Paul had a part in the death of Stephen. I am quite sure that the devil whispered numerous times in Paul's ear a review of that ugly event. Surely the accuser tried to use this horrible experience as a means of defeating Paul in his pursuit of Christlikeness; however, Paul had accepted God's forgiveness, and he refused to allow the past to destroy his present life.

II. Forging Ahead

A second thing that Paul did in pursuit of his goal was to "press on toward the goal..." (Phil. 3:14). The expres-

sion "press" is a picture of a runner who strains with every nerve and muscle to finish the race victoriously. Like the woman runner in the TV drama, the Christian runner refuses to quit when the going gets tough. Remembering what Christ did for him and the faithfulness of other believers, the Christian yields his life to God.

III. Filled With God's Love John reminds us in I John 4:13-21 that the believer who would be like his Lord is one who majors on love. Love is the dominant characteristic of God's man. John is so adamant in this conviction that he says, "The one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen" (I John 4:20).

Love is not something we manufacture. As John says, "We love, because he first loved us" (I John 4:19). Love is the fruit of God's Spirit developed in our lives as we yield ourselves to him every day. How tragic it is that we know so much about the signs of the second coming, but manifest so little love toward others. The man who would be more like his Lord is the man who seeks to walk in God's love.

In his dream the old shoemaker was told by an angel that Christ would visit his home the following day. Early in the morning the shoemaker arose

from sleep in anticipation of Christ's visit. At mid morning an old man stopped at the shoeshop to rest. The shoemaker noticed that his shoes were worn thin. "I will give you a new pair," said the shoemaker, and he placed on the old man's feet the best shoes in his shop.

At noon an old woman stopped at the shoeshop to rest, and the shoemaker provided her with a hot meal. By late afternoon, a lost child wandered into the shoeshop. Taking her by the hand, the shoemaker led her safely home.

It was now very late. As the shoemaker walked home in the darkness, he was discouraged because he had missed the visit of the Lord. But as he looked to heaven he heard God's voice say:

Three times I came to your friendly door;

Three times my shadow was on your floor;

I was the beggar with bruised feet;

I was the woman you gave to eat;

I was the child on the homeless street.

Do you desire to run effectively the Christian race? If you do then forget the past, forge ahead, and be filled with God's love. If you will do those things, you are sure to go across the finish line as a Christ-like person.